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GENEVA IMPOSES SECURITY

Shanghai Settlement Discussion

Geneva, Apr. 26.
The Assembly Committee of Nineteen met to-day but very strict silence was imposed upon the delegates with the result that the nature of the proceedings have not been divulged.

Japan refuses to accept Sir Miles Lampson's compromise formula if it has official connexion with the proceedings at Geneva, while Tokyo is also demanding a variation of the terms of the resolution recently passed.—Reuter.

TOKYO DECIDES.

Shanghai, Apr. 27.
Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Minister in China, and the chief delegate to the Shanghai armistice conference, this morning received instructions to accept Sir Miles Lampson's compromise formula.—Reuter.

A ONE-SIDED ARRANGEMENT

BRITAIN'S TRADE WITH RUSSIA

London, Apr. 26.
In the Commons to-day, several questions were put regarding Russia and the President of Board of Trade was asked if the Government would consider terminating the Russian Trade Agreement and entering upon a new agreement whereby Russian imports would be limited to an amount equivalent to that of British manufactured goods exported to Russia, any excess to be subject to thirty-three and third per cent duty, a portion of which should go to a compensation fund for British creditors.

Mr. Runciman replied that the Government were considering the question of securing a more satisfactory balance of trade between Britain and Soviet Russia but did not consider that the claims of British creditors against Russia could be satisfactorily dealt with in such a way.

They were impressed by the large preponderance of Russian business in Britain in return for the comparatively small business Russia did with this country.

Replying to a later question, Major Elliott said the amount owing by Russia to Britain was £1,066,480,000 and the amount of interest on the debt was £53,324,000.—British Wireless.

NEW YORK SHARE GRAFT

STARTLING INQUIRY ALLEGATIONS

Washington, Apr. 26.
Sensational evidence was given to-day before the Senate Committee appointed to investigate conditions on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr. Fiorello La Guardia, who sits in the House of Representatives for New York City, alleged that over \$250,000 had been paid in recent years to financial writers to boost stocks in which brokers were "rigging" the market.—Reuter.

AMATEUR GOLF TITLE

SANDWICH'S RECORD ENTRY

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Apr. 26.
Having drawn a record entry of 172, the English Amateur Golf Championship opened at Sandwich to-day when many first and second round games were played.

TEA DUTY PASSED

43 OPPONENTS IN A SMALL HOUSE

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Apr. 28.
The House of Commons to-day carried the Budget tea-duty resolution by 250 votes to 43.—Reuter.

HONOUR-SLAYING TRIAL

FINAL STAGES REACHED

SPECTATORS WAIT ALL NIGHT

Honolulu, Apr. 26.
A demand for the conviction of the accused in the "honour slaying" trial, on the charge of second degree murder, carrying a sentence of ten years' imprisonment to imprisonment for life, was made by the prosecution counsel in his final address to the jury.

The case hangs on whether the jury finds that the crime was pre-meditated or whether Lieut. Massie became temporarily insane and shot Kahahawai when the Hawaiian confessed his part in the criminal assault on Mrs. Massie.

The prosecution led by Mr. John C. Kelley argues that various preparations, including obtaining a coil of rope, pointed to premeditation.

CROWDED COURT.

The court was crowded with white women. There was a sprinkling of natives.

Many sat all through the night outside the court in order to secure front seats during the final episodes in the dramatic trial.

Four persons are in the dock: Mrs. Fortescue, mother of Mrs. Massie; Lieut. Massie; Edward Lord and Albert Jones, the last two being enlisted men.—Reuter.

NAVAL SUMMER CRUISE

HOME FLEET OFF TO SCOTLAND.

London, Apr. 26.
Portsmouth-manned ships of the Home Fleet, including the flagship H.M.S. Nelson, left port to-day for their summer cruise in Scottish waters. The cruise will be followed by visits to coastal holiday resorts.—British Wireless.

U.S. BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE RESULTS

New York, Apr. 26.
Only two baseball games were played to-day, both in the American League, the results being: Philadelphia 2 Boston 10
New York 6 Washington 5
—Reuter.

NINTH WEEK OF QUEST

CONTACT AGAIN ESTABLISHED

New York, Apr. 26.

Mysterious comings and going among those most closely associated with Colonel Charles Lindbergh in his search for the kidnappers of his son, have revived hopes that the baby will shortly be restored to his parents.

According to a high New Jersey State official, who gave the story to pressmen at Hopewell, New Jersey, to-day, Colonel Lindbergh has re-established personal contact.

He actually got into contact in the course of last week, conferring for some time with the group that received the ransom money of \$500,000 from him.

BOAT TRIP OFF COAST.

Lindbergh now plans to meet Mr. Curtis in a boat off the Virginian coast to complete the negotiations for the return of the baby.

Curtis, who with two others, has been acting as intermediary between Colonel Lindbergh and the kidnappers, disappeared this morning on a mysterious journey aboard a yacht.

HELD AT SEA?

The inference is that the Lindbergh baby is being held at sea outside the twelve-mile limit, as has been repeatedly reported, though Colonel Lindbergh has been at such special pains to throw zealous newspapermen off the scent, in order to facilitate negotiations, that Mr. Curtis's journey may be nothing more than a blind.

Colonel Henry Breckenridge, the New York lawyer who has been Lindbergh's adviser throughout days and weeks of anxiety, states

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"JAFSIE."

Dr. Condon was the mysterious "Jafsie" who signed personal advertisements appearing in New York papers.—Reuter.



Leading figures in the Honour Slaying trial. Top, left to right: Mrs. Fortescue, Mrs. Massie and Lieut. Massie. Below, A. O. Jones, left, and E. J. Lord.



Not for twenty years has this historic fire gong sounded through the streets of Hopewell, N.J. But if the Lindbergh baby is returned, it will ring out the good tidings to the townfolk according to plans recently announced.

EMILIO SCALA GETS HIS

WORLD TOUR WITH SWEEP FORTUNE

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Apr. 26.
Emilio Scala, the Italian proprietor of a London cafe, has at last received the proceeds of the first prize which his ticket won in the Irish Sweep on the Grand National last year.

The long delay has been due, of course, to the protracted litigation over the ownership of the ticket, two Italian friends of Scala's claiming, without success, that they were entitled to a share of the prize money.

After paying legal and other expenses, Scala is now better off by £22,000. He has given £5,000 each to his four brothers and is himself off immediately on a world tour.

ALL-INDIA CRICKET TEAM

ENTERTAINED IN THE COMMONS

London, Apr. 26.
A complimentary luncheon was given to members of the All-India cricket team in the House of Commons to-day, Lord Ebbisham, Vice Captain of the Lords and Commons cricket team, presiding.

Mr. Baldwin proposed the health of the guests, and the Maharajah of Prayagadhar replied.—British Wireless.

REBEL STRONGHOLD CAPTURED

Hengtaohotze Taken By Japanese

Harbin, Apr. 26.

The Japanese forces to-day occupied Hengtaohotze, which had been held by insurgent troops. Hengtaohotze is on the eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway, along which the Japanese troops are continuing to advance.—Reuter.

DOLLAR SLIGHTLY RISES

SILVER REMAINS UNCHANGED

The Hongkong dollar rose 1/8th this morning, although silver is unchanged both in London and New York.

In London, there was very little doing. China bought and sold, and the market closed uncertain.

Inter-bank business has been done locally at about 1s. 3.9/16d. The market is fairly steady, but with a slightly easier undertone.

ENGLAND-AFRICA AIR MAIL

THROUGH PASSENGER SERVICE

London, Apr. 26.

When the weekly African air mail leaves Croydon to-morrow, the entire 8,000 miles route to the Cape will open for passengers as well as mails and parcels. Hitherto, passengers have been carried only to Nairobi.

The first through passenger-carrying service also leaves Cape town to-morrow. The fare of £180 includes meals, hotel accommodation and tips, and the journey takes 11 days as compared with 17 by surface transport.—British Wireless.

STOP PRESS.

Geneva, Apr. 27.
The Committee of Nineteen dispersed after an hour's deliberation yesterday.

It is understood that M. Hymans gave exhaustive details of the informal conversations and the efforts to secure a settlement agreeable to both sides, which, however, has not yet been achieved.

The Committee is hopeful of a successful outcome of the Shanghai parleys, as a result of the attempts to reach a compromise there, so as to enable an early re-meeting of the Committee to consider the next step.

In the event of a failure of agreement between the parties, the Committee is expected to call a public meeting to report progress and then to summon the full Assembly.—Reuter.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received the following cabled quotations of Shanghai shares:

Ewo. Cottons Tls. 15.00.
Shanghai Lands 23.25.
Shanghai Electric Board 50.00.

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

London, Apr. 26.

Questioned regarding foreign firms who are opening factories in Britain as a result of the new tariff policy, Mr. Runciman said fifty new undertakings had been set up during the last few months.

The majority were in or near London and were for the most part new business. But in a few instances they represented definite additional developments in existing

NEW ADMIRAL

CHINA SQUADRON CHANGE

Vice-Adm. Dreyer Appointed

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Apr. 26.

The Admiralty announces the appointment of Vice-Admiral Frederic Charles Dreyer, C.B., C.B.E., a Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, as Commander-in-Chief, China Station, in succession to Admiral Sir Howard Kelly. The appointment is to date from February, 1933.

The new Commander-in-Chief has had a most distinguished career, and is, incidentally, Admiralty representative to the League of Nations Advisory Commission.

WITH JELLINE AT JUTLAND.

He entered the Navy in 1891, and saw much service in the Great War. In October 1916 he became Flag Captain to Admiral Jellicoe in the Iron Duke, and at the Battle of Jutland, in the words of his chief, Admiral Jellicoe, "commanded and handled the Fleet flagship most ably."

He is the well-known gunnery expert, and went to the Admiralty in 1917 as Director of Naval Ordnance, where his knowledge of gunnery was a valuable asset to the Department. He afterwards served as Director of the Gunnery Division, and from 1927 to 1929 he commanded the Battle Cruiser Squadron of the Atlantic Fleet.

ONLY FIFTY-FOUR.

Born in 1878, he is a son of the late J. L. E. Dreyer, former President of the Royal Astronomical Society. In 1901, he married a daughter of the Rev. J. T. Hallett, and there are three sons and two daughters by the marriage. He is the holder of numerous foreign decorations.

CONVICTION SET ASIDE

LAUNCH COXSWAIN DISCHARGED

Leung Lau-man, the coxswain of the steam launch Wah Hing, who was convicted by the Hon. Comdr. Hole at the Marine Court about a week ago, and fined \$250 or three months' imprisonment for having allowed the safety-valve to be under the control of the engineer by removing the padlock fitted to it, appeared in Court this morning, on an application made by Mr. F. H. Loseby for the re-hearing of the case.

Mr. Loseby contended that under the Ordinance there was a definite obligation on the part of the engineer to see that the pressure on the safety-valve was not exceeded. After referring to a section in the regulations, Mr. Loseby argued that there was no active act by deed or order on the part of the accused, and therefore he had committed no offence.

Comdr. Hole said since the fact had been put in that way, he quite agreed with Mr. Loseby. He therefore made an order that the previous conviction and sentence be set aside, and discharged the accused.

RESULTS OF THE TARIFF

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**CONTRACT
BRIDGE**

By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge
League.

In the game of auction bridge it is quite true that many players preferred to bid an original no trump rather than a four-card suit unless the four-card suit was strong and contained simple honours, but in contract bridge, four-card suit bidding plays a most important part.

In our previous articles we learned that the bidding of a no trump simply indicated a hand containing distributed strength and no biddable four-card suit. While it is true that in contract we endeavour to play as many hands as possible in no trump, the reason the no trump is not bid first is because it is better to bid the four-card suits and thereby approach the best bid in the hand. If no trump is the best declaration, the bidding of the four-card suit will plug the weak spots in the hand and more safely get you into a trump declaration.

**Bidding of Four-card Suits
Ahead of Longer Suits.**

The writer has long advocated the bidding of four-card suits ahead of five or even six-card suits; e. g. you hold the king and queen and two small diamonds and the ace and king and three small spades. The writer prefers to start the bidding with one diamond and then on the second round of bidding to show the spade suit. In this manner your partner can easily read that your hand contains four diamonds and five spades.

Under this system of bidding, the second suit almost always contains five or six cards. While it is quite true that in some cases you must bid two four-card suits, the majority of hands arise where the distribution is four-five.

The most important reason for bidding the four-card suit first is that while the size of the contract is small the four-card suit can be shown. When the size of the contract is increased, we show the suit containing the longer number. Often when you start off with the five-card first, the bidding becomes so high that it is impossible to show the second suit, and it may be that only in the short suit is there game.

The ideal trump distribution is to have four in your hand and find four in your partner's hand. This is a far better distribution than three in your partner's hand and five in your own. In the majority of cases, three rounds of trump will pick up all the opponents' trumps. With a five-three distribution, this would leave one hand without any trump for ruffing, but with a four-four distribution, each hand will have one trump for ruffing purposes.

Distribution is one of the most important factors in bridge, and under this system of bidding you will find that you can more easily give your partner the exact pattern of your hand than you can by bidding the long suit first.

Another advantage in bidding a four-card suit ahead of five is that if partner has support for both suits, he will allow you to play in your short suit and your long suit can then be used for valuable discards; e. g. if you held your hearts and five spades, and partner held four hearts and four spades, as you have shown both suits, partner will know the pattern of your hand. He will then allow you to play the hand at hearts so that you can use the fifth spade for a valuable discard.

Playing the hand at spades, the heart suit has no value except for the tricks that it will take itself, but playing the hand at hearts, the hearts may be used for trump, the spade suit can be quickly set, and as stated above, the long spade will allow you a valuable ruff.

**VALLEY ROAD
MURDER****TRIAL OPENS AT THE CENTRAL
COURT****GIRL'S EVIDENCE**

The preliminary trial opened before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon of Cheng Kwok-yau, scion of a wealthy Chinese family, who is charged with instigating the murder of George Fung on March 24 at Village Road, Wong-neichong.

The case for the Crown at this preliminary stage is in the hands of the Assistant Attorney General and Public Prosecutor, Mr. R. E. Lindsell. Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton represented the accused, and Mr. Peter Sin watched the case on behalf of one Edward Zimmerman, mentioned as a witness for the Crown.

After a very lengthy opening by Mr. Lindsell, the crown called Miss Lai Ming-Fay, who was with deceased when he was murdered.

Girl in Box.

Mr. Lindsell: I think at about the age of 16 you were for a short time a cinema actress?—Yes.

And you then joined the legitimate drama and became an actress proper?—Yes.

And as such you first came to Hongkong four years ago in company with your father and his theatrical troupe?—Yes.

How long have you known this man (accused)?—I have known him since I came to Hongkong.

On that occasion?—Yes.

How did you come to know him?—He wrote to me and asked me to the Kam Ling Restaurant.

You alone?—With many people, including the one who introduced me to him.

He invited the troupe in fact?—Yes.

At this stage Mr. Bruton interposed and said that the accused was not able to follow the witness and thus check her evidence. The witness spoke perfect Punti. (Mr. Bruton) submitted that the witness had elected to speak in the Shanghai dialect so that the general public should not hear what she was saying. When the witness had lived with the accused they always conversed in Punti.

Accused at Disadvantage.

His Worship remarked that he did not think he could compel the witness to give her evidence in any given dialect.

Mr. Bruton: How is the defendant to know what she's saying?

His Worship: We have an interpreter here (the Shanghai interpreter) and another explaining the evidence to the accused. Do you suggest that we force the way to give her evidence in Punti?

Mr. Bruton suggested that she be questioned in the Punti dialect. It was merely so that the accused could check her evidence.

His Worship remarked that he did not see how he could do that if the witness elected to speak in another dialect.

His Worship (to witness): Are you prepared to answer questions in the Punti dialect?

Witness: I prefer to speak in the Shanghai dialect because I don't know Cantonese much and can't understand it thoroughly.

His Worship (to Mr. Bruton): What's the answer to that?

Mr. Bruton: I don't know I am sure.

His Worship: I think there's no answer.

Mr. Bruton: No, but I have made doots. I suppose we shall just have to carry on.

At Singapore.

Mr. Lindsell (resuming his examination of witness): After a visit to Canton you and your troupe moved to Singapore?—Yes.

Did accused see you off?—Yes.

Did he give you anything?—Yes

some fruits.

Subsequently did he write to you?—Yes.

Love letters or ordinary letters?

—Ordinary letters.

I think at the beginning of

1929, about three years ago, the

accused followed you to Singapore?—He went to Singapore to visit me.

I say he followed you to Singa-

pore. He went down there to visit you, the same thing. He stayed with your father for a

time?—Yes.

Did you go anywhere with him?

—I went with him to Ipoh.

Anybody go with you?—A god-

sister went with us.

A sworn sister is it? I have

heard of a god-father, a god-

mother and a god-son, but I have

never heard of a god-sister. How

long were you away?—Less than

a month.

Did your father agree to this

trip?—He consented.

Proposal of Marriage.

On that trip did the accused make any proposal to you?—He did.

What?—He proposed marriage.

Did you accept him?—I said I should be able to tell him when I had asked permission of my father.

You accepted him subject to your father's consent? Did he give any engagement ring then during the trip?—He gave me a diamond

ring.

During that trip? A diamond engagement ring?—No he gave it to me when we returned to Singa-

pore.

Did your father consent?—My father left it to me.

He did not oppose the match any way?—No.

You appear to have taken that for consent and you accepted the engagement ring?—Yes.

Was any arrangement made as to when the marriage was to take place?—No.

Did he give you any indication as to when he might be able to marry you?—Yes. He gave me the indication that after two or three years we might be married.

Then you and your father re-turned to Shanghai via Hongkong?—Yes.

Before he (accused) got off here did he say anything further about the marriage?—He said that this proposal was not agreed to by his own family and he would try to get permission. If he did he would go to Shanghai and see me. Did he follow you to Shanghai?—Yes.

About how long after was it?—One or two months later.

Did he bring any money with him?—He said he did but I didn't know whether he actually did.

How much did he tell you he had brought with him?—He said \$80,000.

Awaiting His Fortune.

Was marriage now mentioned again?—No.

Any reason why marriage should not be mentioned again?—His family did not agree to the marriage.

There was mention of the mariage then? Did he tell you that?—Yes.

What did he propose to do about it then?—He intended to wait for several years more until he was older and got his fortune.

Now you know the deceased George Fung?—Yes.

When did you first come to know him?—Before I went to Singapore several years ago.

Who did you meet first then? Fung or the accused?—I met Cheng (accused) first.

During that same visit to Hongkong with the theatrical troupe, you met Fung?—Yes.

When the accused went up to Shanghai with whom did he stay or where did he live at first?—He stayed with my father.

And you?—Yes.

For about how long?—About three or four months.

During those three or four months did you see Fung again?—I did.

Did he appear to be friends with the accused at that time?—Yes.

Did he seem to be interested in you?—No.

Ordinary Friends.

You say that he (accused) stayed with your father and you for three or four months? What happened then?—My father went to Peking.

(Continued on Page 10.)

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The field in the Nomination Race at the Garth Point-to-Point Races at the Remount Depot, Arborfield, Barksbire taking the first jump. The event was won by Mr. O. Dixon on Dove Pal. The programme included two races for the Royal Military College.—(Times copyright).



Although Hampstead Heath wore a somewhat gloomy face in the rainy weather, there were the usual amusements for the Easter holiday makers. A scene at Hampstead Heath.—(Times copyright).

the dime-a-dance girl

BY JOAN CLAUTON

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Beautiful Ellen Rosalter, a salesgirl in Barclay's Department Store, worked all night and early morning at Dreamland. She lives with her extravagant mother, Molly Rosalter, her older sister, Myra, and her young brother, Mike. Steve, Larry, Bert, and Ellen's employer, Larry Harrowgate, an artist, she has met at Dreamland. She loves her heart to think of the fact that he is engaged to Elizabeth Bonney, a debutante.

Ellen is unwilling to wound Harrow but when scandalous gossip is circulated at the store, she determines to win him for herself.

Without Ellen's knowledge, Molly borrows money to make the apartment more comfortable.

When the girl learns this she is furious.

She and Molly go to the kitchen to prepare dinner while Myra and Bert Arnestad, Myra's fiance, entertain Harry.

CHAPTER XVII

The Rosalter ice-box was stuffed almost to the bursting point. Certainly Molly had stinted on nothing. There was pate, there was lobster, there were two plump, yellow ducks—and duck at \$1.75 a pound. There were artichokes and avocados. There were all the things that should never have been included in a simple home dinner. But Ellen squared her jaw and flew about the heated kitchen, growing hotter and crosser each minute.

Perched at the kitchen table daintily shelling peas, Molly looked cool and comfortable and maddeningly satisfied with herself. From time to time she would hum a little tune. Then, glimpsing her daughter's black face, she would halt and virtuously continue shelling the peas. Molly was convinced everything would work out for the best.

Except for decorative purposes the coloured maid was entirely useless. She did set the table with a great flourish. She considered that with serving and washing the dishes she would have more than earned her \$5 and said so. When Ellen, ignoring this disinclination toward real labour, suggested that she bathe the ducks, the maid looked aggrieved and "allowed" she did only plain cooking.

"This is plain enough," said Ellen in exasperation. "You'll simply have to do it while my mother and I dress. Just open the oven every 10 minutes and ladle the drippings up with a spoon."

"All right, Miss, I'll do it. But you can't blame me if them 'ducks don't taste jest right."

"We won't," snapped Ellen.

She grew cooler and more comfortable in the bedroom, as she flung aside her business dress, went into the bathroom and cautiously bathed with due consideration for the fact that splashing water was audible in the living room. She returned to the bed-room and slipped into a clean,

fresh, blue linen frock. She brushed her curling hair, powdered her flushed face and found the string of amber beads that went so well with her skin. She looked all right. The sleeveless dress, cheap as it was, was very kind to her slender youth.

"Ellen, honey," said her mother, entering, "will you fix my snaps, or are you still mad at me?"

Ellen's heart failed her. What was the use of anger, of threats, of reproofs? After a solemn talk, which took place as Ellen's fingers busied themselves with the snaps, Molly promised, as she had promised so often before, that there would be no more surprises. But she looked unusually sobered. By telling her of the gossip at the store Ellen had succeeded in frightening the harum-scarum, little Irish woman.

"They're just jealous," she declared. "If I were you I'd just tell that Mrs. Bondy that he was here for dinner tonight. That'd stop their mouths. I've half a notion to go down there and tell!"

"Mike Rosalter, come here this minute!" she called.

The youngsters made way for him. Peter Rafferty slid from the seat and scuttled down the street like a small, active crab. Mike, unconscious of the calamity about to fall, carefully wheeled his new possession over the curb and up on the sidewalk. Ellen had never seen such glory as was on his transfigured face.

"Mr. Barclay gave it to me," he explained in a hushed voice, caressing with his grubby hand the shiny mud-guards.

"But, darling, we can't let you keep it," Ellen said faintly.

The blow struck. Mike's face turned red; his blue eyes looked surprised, bewildered, confused, hurt and angry, in rapid succession. For a moment he gazed at her in appalled silence; then burst into loud and frantic wails. So overwhelming was his grief and rage that Ellen was afraid it would result in his usual upset stomach.

She gathered in his shaking body, conscious that the entire juvenile population of the block was watching.

"I can't do anything," Mike sobbed. "I can't have anything. I promised all the other boys a ride. Mother'd let me have it. I'll be so good Ellen; I'll do everything you tell me."

"But Mike—"

"My bike, my bike!" Ellen knew she was weak, and that she should be firm; she knew that once she let Mike get the upper hand for discipline would be gone. But she could not stand out against this overwhelming grief. She relented.

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reached the street she saw that practically all the youngsters in the neighbourhood—and they were many—had gathered before the apartment door, almost blocking it. A few stared with wistful longing at the sleek, black limousine from which the alertly rigid chauffeur barred them. But the majority, screaming and vociferous, were peering up the lamp-lighted street.

"Have any of you seen Mike Rosalter?" she inquired, wondering just what new game they were playing.

"Sure," half a dozen voices chorused shrilly. She picked out from the resultant confusion the information that Mike was giving Peter Rafferty a ride on his new bicycle.

Just then she saw Mike. He was strutting along proudly beside a shining wheel, calling out caution and advice to the tow-headed youngster who was pedalling.

Ellen knew all at once why Barclay had looked so guilty. This was impossible!

"Mike Rosalter, come here this minute!" she called.

The youngsters made way for him. Peter Rafferty slid from the seat and scuttled down the street like a small, active crab. Mike, unconscious of the calamity about to fall, carefully wheeled his new possession over the curb and up on the sidewalk. Ellen had never seen such glory as was on his transfigured face.

"Mr. Barclay gave it to me," he explained in a hushed voice, caressing with his grubby hand the shiny mud-guards.

"But, darling, we can't let you keep it," Ellen said faintly.

The blow struck. Mike's face turned red; his blue eyes looked surprised, bewildered, confused, hurt and angry, in rapid succession. For a moment he gazed at her in appalled silence; then burst into loud and frantic wails. So overwhelming was his grief and rage that Ellen was afraid it would result in his usual upset stomach.

She gathered in his shaking body, conscious that the entire juvenile population of the block was watching.

"I can't do anything," Mike sobbed. "I can't have anything. I promised all the other boys a ride. Mother'd let me have it. I'll be so good Ellen; I'll do everything you tell me."

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By order of the Stewards,
W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th April, 1932.

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By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,
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THE MENINGITIS
EPIDEMICDISCUSSION AT SANITARY
BOARD MEETING

MOTION DEFEATED

The meningitis epidemic was fully discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board when a resolution was submitted by Mr. R. A. de Castro Basto, urging that more effective methods be taken to check the spread of the present outbreak. He urged the promotion of an intensive health propaganda campaign.

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto asked: "Will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly obtain the necessary particulars in reply to the following questions for the information of this Board viz.:

i. As the causative organism of Cerebro-spinal Meningitis has been found to belong to several groups or types, has there been any attempt at typing the organisms isolated from the cases occurring in the present epidemic?

Answer—Yes. The necessary preliminary work towards doing this has been in progress from an early period in the epidemic.

ii. If this has not been done, will the Government consider doing so immediately?

Answer—See answer to i.

iii. If on the other hand, this has already been done, which is the particular type of meningococcus responsible for the greater number of cases occurring in this present outbreak?

Answer—It has not been possible to complete this work yet. It will be a considerable time before the results are available.

iv. Is the corresponding anti-type serum (as distinct from the usual polyclonal serum) being prepared, and if not, will the Government consider its preparation with regard to the present epidemic, seeing that according to the latest researches it has been found that the mortality rate is greatly diminished when the type of organism is known and the corresponding anti-serum employed?"

Answer—The preparation of serum by immunisation of animals takes about 3 months, hence the serum now in progress of preparation can hardly be of use in the present epidemic. The work at present being done can only be considered in the light of the future. As a matter of fact no other serum but a polyclonal serum is ever employed in modern treatment as the infecting organisms are always of multiple types. Our present serum has been tested against several of the organisms recovered in the present epidemic and found to be highly potent. The preparation of future serum will of course be modified, if necessary, by the information gained during the course of the present work.

Proposed Health Bureau.

After his questions had been answered, Dr. de Castro Basto moved the following motion:

"That in the opinion of this board it is desirable in the public interest that more effective measures be taken to check the spread of the present outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis in the Colony, including the organisation of an intensive health propaganda campaign for the purpose of instructing the public both as regard the methods of prevention and cure of this disease."

"When I drafted the motion standing in my name few days ago" he said "the incidence of the epidemic of cerebro-spinal fever" is at its highest, I am glad to note however that the disease is on its wane, but nevertheless I shall let the motion stand.

"In combating a disease in its epidemic form, the earnest co-operation of the public is of the utmost importance. Unless the public understands the mode of spread of a disease, the curative methods employed with its chances of success; unless they understand the principle of the methods employed by the authorities in checking it, it is impossible to expect from them the desired co-operation.

"With this end in view I suggest that steps be taken to institute an intensive form of propaganda to instruct the general public as regard the methods of prevention of the disease. The propaganda could be effected through the press, by means of illustrated posters, public lectures in open spaces, or better still through the agency of a Health Propaganda Bureau to be established under the auspices of this Board.

"It will be the work of this bureau to disseminate health knowledge to the public, not only during epidemics, but throughout the year. It will be its aim to develop in the community a certain degree of health-mindedness. In a colony like this where the practice of western scientific medicine is not generalised, the measures adopted by the authorities in the interest of public health are not only unappreciated but regarded with indifference. This attitude on the part of the uneducated has the effect of frustrating the desired result. The compulsory removal of the infected to the hospital is a case in point. It must be recognised that the average Chinese have an intense horror of being removed to a hospital, particularly a government hospital. Therefore his friends and relatives will employ every device to conceal the case from the knowledge of the sanitary authorities. Another objection the Chinese have against reporting a case is not only the risk of removal, but also the subsequent process of disinfection. These two objections on their part form the great stumbling block on the path of the M.O.H. It is with the idea of overcoming these difficulties that I presume the Macao authorities have tried the original expedient of permitting the relatives to accompany their patient to the isolation hospital. This novel procedure is worthy of a trial.

Teaching the Public.

"By way of preventative propaganda the public should be instructed:

1. As to the ways by which infection gains entry into the body. In the case of Cerebro-Spinal Fever this occurs through the throat, and the public should be warned to avoid breathing polluted air, by abstaining from gathering in crowds. They should also be told that when a person sneezes or coughs into the atmosphere, minute drops of discharge from the lungs, nose and throat are projected into the air. These droplets are heavily laden with germs, and persons standing near are liable to become infected by this means. We have lately taken steps to teach the public not to spit in public. It is much more important that they should learn to sneeze and cough into their handkerchiefs, and if these are not available, to stand away from his neighbours when coughing or sneezing.

2. As to the methods whereby the nose and throat may be sterilised and kept clean, by the use of gargles, sprays, nose drops, nasal douches etc. The atomisers employed in the last epidemic are not to be recommended as they may be the means of spreading infection through several people using the same apparatus.

3. As to the earliest signs and symptoms of the disease: In the case of cerebrospinal fever they are—Suddenness in the onset of the disease, headache, fever, cutaneous rash, inability to bend the head forwards etc.

4. As to the chances of cure if early treatment is instituted. The Chinese are not entirely prejudiced against western methods of treatment. They are only too glad to avail themselves of western medicines provided they are satisfied that it is better than their own. It is for the government to bring about their gradual conversion, by constant and repeated instructions in such matters.

If it is hoped that this colony will be freed from such unpleasant visitations as epidemics, if it is to be made as healthy a spot as climatic conditions will allow then, it is most essential that the public be taught how to keep themselves healthy."

Mr. M. K. Lo: I second the motion. In doing so, however, I confess I really do not know what

actual steps one must take against meningitis but I do feel that something should be done. Dr. Basto is a highly qualified medical man and he has suggested that certain measures would be effective. Whether they would or would not be effective I do not know but I feel that any measures suggested by a responsible doctor would be infinitely better than the alternative of inertia. I therefore second Dr. Basto's motion without committing myself to all the arguments he has advanced.

Dr. Pope's Views.

The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. G. W. Pope) said he would be justified in protesting against the wording of the motion but he did not intend to take exception to it.

A great deal had been made out of the meningitis epidemic, he said, but people should not lose their sense of proportion. After all, there had not been such an enormous number of deaths—certainly nothing compared with the number of deaths from tuberculosis every year.

"I would like to ask what value propaganda would be among the coolies," he said. The coolies, he contended, would never understand propaganda. It would be just as useful to tell them to take a six weeks summer trip annually as to talk propaganda to them.

Dr. Pope then attacked the housing system among the coolie class and made a plea for more fresh air for them. It was the tunnel type of house, with one end blocked that was productive of disease. Meningitis was not bred in the open spaces. It originated in the hovels in the city.

"You must do something about these houses," he concluded.

The President, Mr. G. R. Sayer, supported the Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin supported Dr. Basto's resolution and thought that something should certainly be done to check the meningitis.

Dr. Basto's Reply.

In closing the debate on his resolution, Dr. Basto said he did not mean to infer that the Medical Officer of Health had not done all in his power to check the spread of meningitis. "I was just thinking that as a medical man this was an occasion for me to come forward with a few suggestions," he said.

Proceeding, he said Dr. Pope had contended that the disease was practically confined to the coolie class and attributed this to their want of fresh air. He did not think the argument stood, for it must be remembered that the coolie class was in the great majority and it was only natural that there should be more cases among them than in the European section.

In conclusion, Dr. Basto pointed out that meningitis was sudden and tuberculosis was gradual. T. B. was 90 per cent chronic and there was plenty of time to bring it under the notice of a doctor. Meningitis on the other hand was very sudden in making its appearance and therefore, he considered it was necessary that more should be known about it.

Dr. Basto's motion was lost by four votes to three. The voting was: For the motion—Dr. Basto, Messrs. Wong Kwong-tin and M. K. Lo. Against the motion—Dr. G. W. Pope, the Hon. Harold T. Creasy, Messrs. G. R. Sayer and F. C. Hall.

WHEN AT HOME

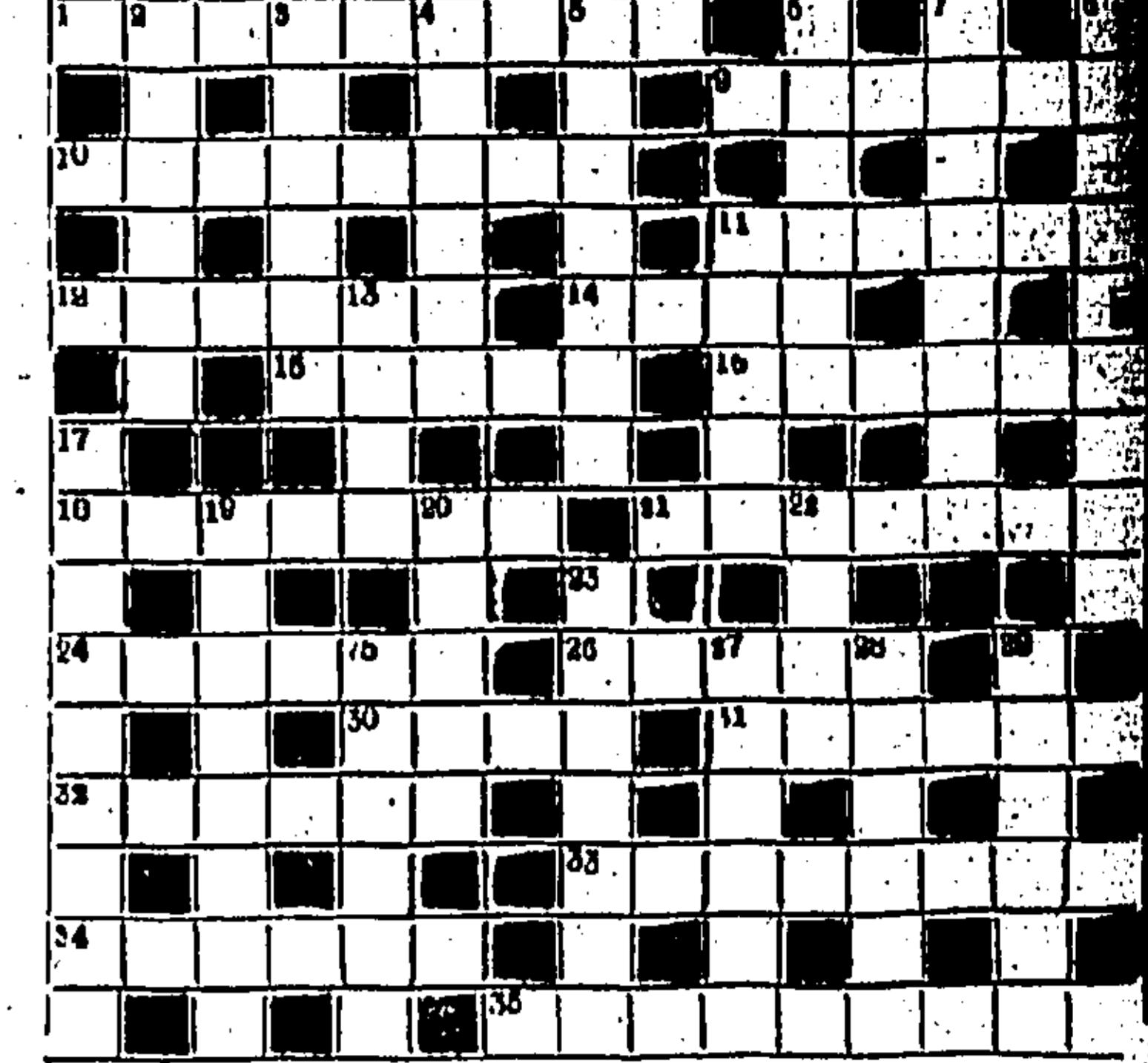
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- Go and mend it.
- Say "Oh," after making such a blunder. It does sound easy to build in this way.
- Supports a picture with ease.
- Incorporates a wish without which no Jew would be complete.
- One of my ancestors—a well-known man—aided an insect, positively brilliant.
- Eastern potentate.
- Although a burning matter start with, it soon becomes set in its ways.
- Faced by rising ground, the cat loses its temper, and becomes wild.
- She is well known in Australia.
- Loop.
- Tip-top.
- Such liberality is scarcely more than a whisper.
- A perfect little pig.
- Doubtless you hold it yourself.
- No strong partisan, apparently this paper may change its colour when it gets into hot water.
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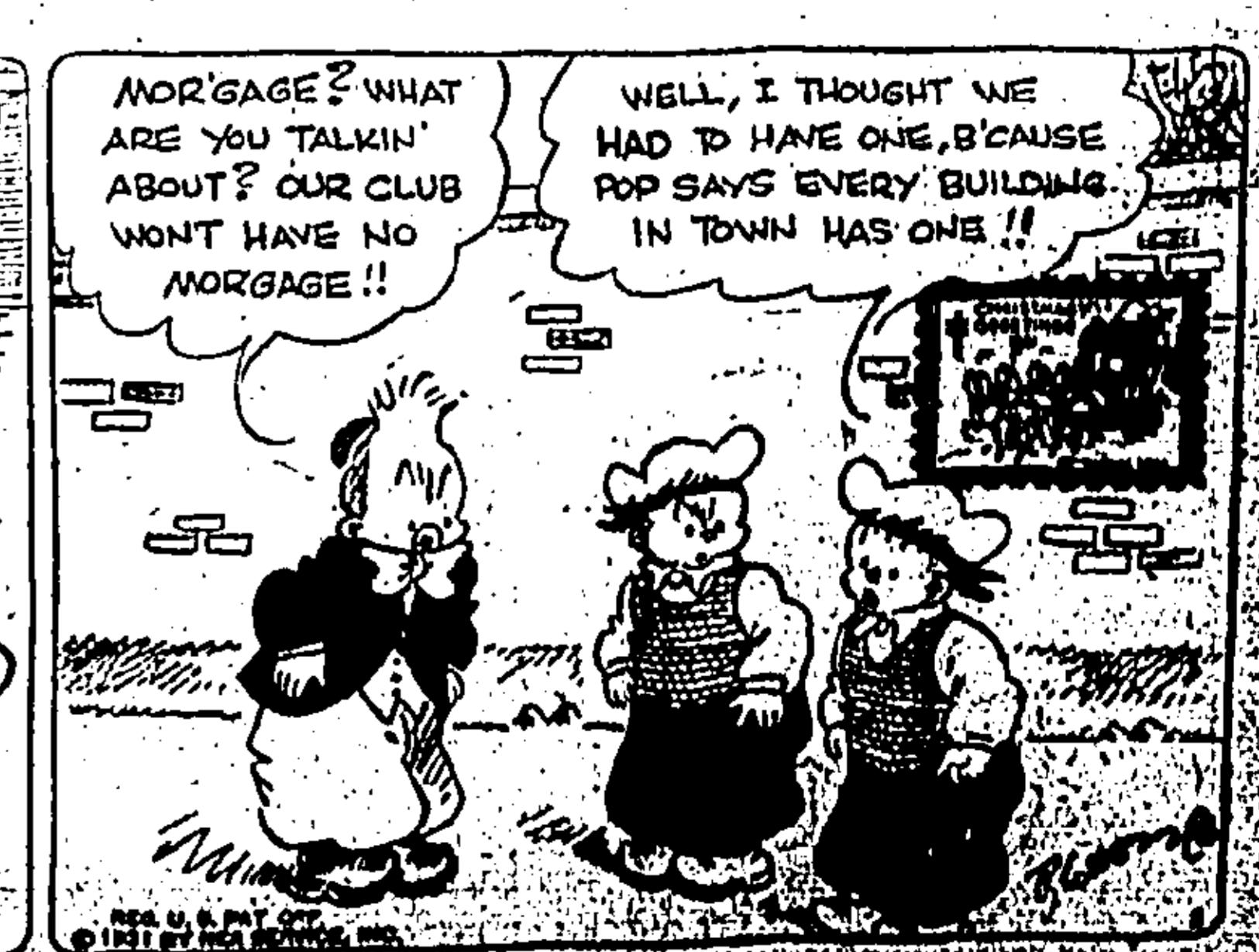
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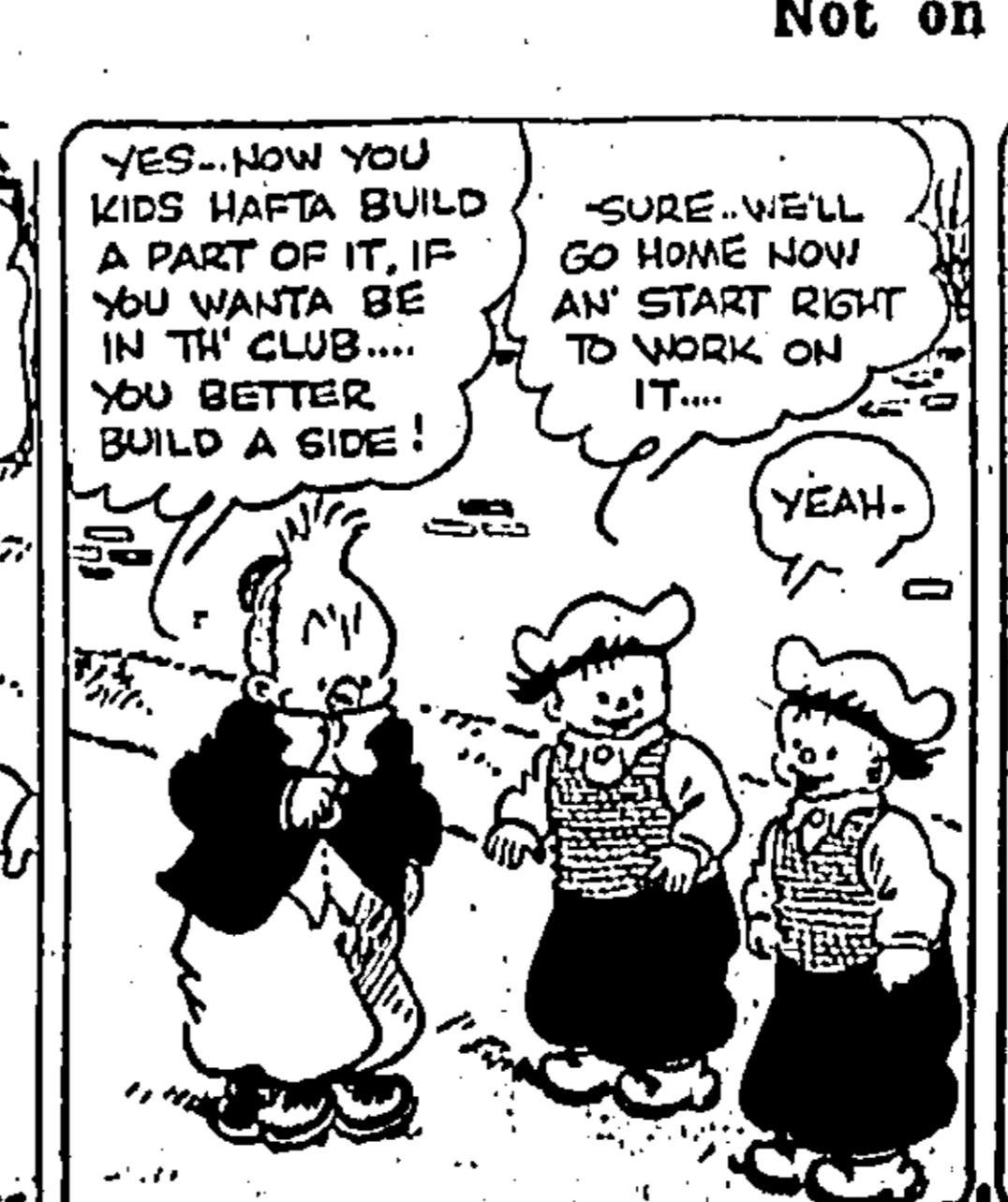
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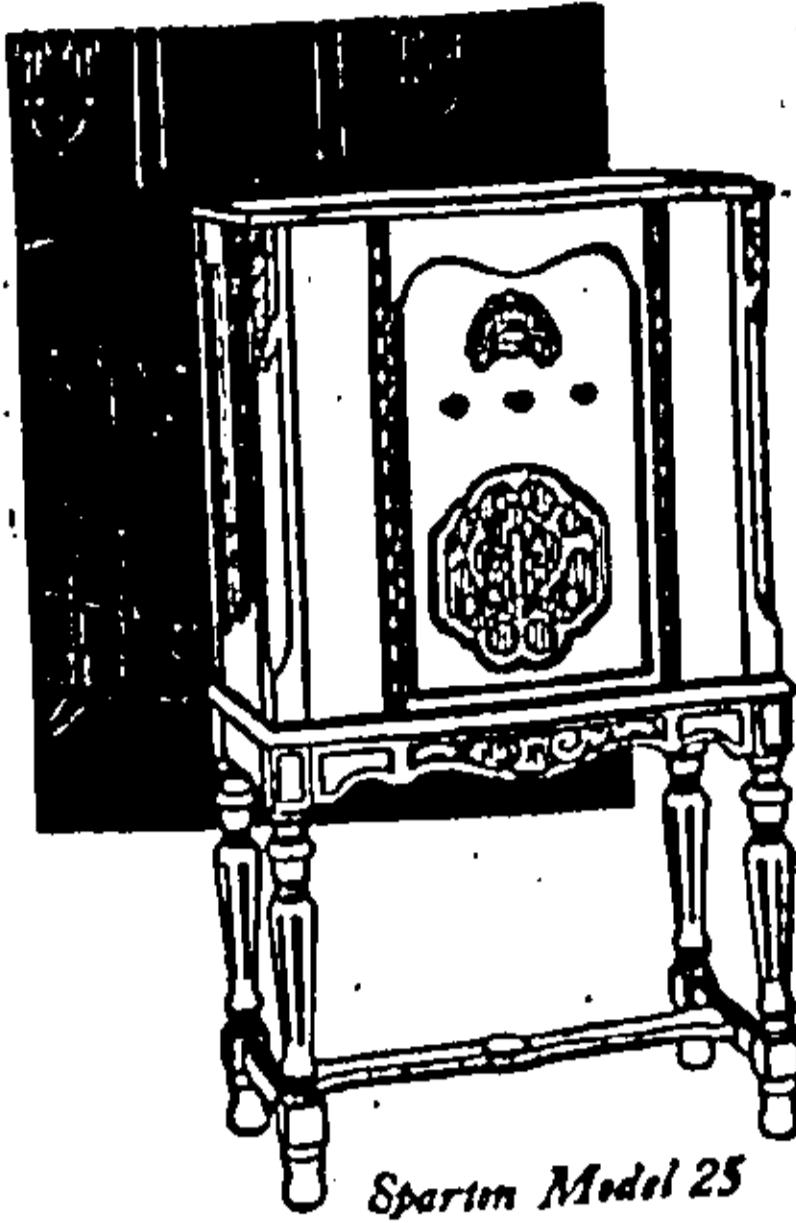
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VITAL DAYS FOR LIBERALISM

Important decisions on the future of Liberalism are likely to be made at the annual conference of the Party this week. It is becoming increasingly clear that the Liberal cause has suffered badly as a consequence of some of its leading figures having joined hands with the National Government and thereby tacitly accepted its tariff policy. Professor Ramsay Muir, the Chairman of the Party Executive, wants the conference to declare Liberal independence of the Government. He does not doubt the patriotic motives of the Liberal Ministers, who must themselves decide how far they can go in supporting the Administration, but he thinks the time has come when the Party must be free to go its own course. Obviously, unless the Liberal Party strikes out on a well-defined line, it will be in danger of complete extinction. Indeed, the possibility of such a development, do what the Conference may, must not be ruled out. The question whether there is any room for Liberalism in British politics is still pertinent to any consideration of future trends.

The trouble is that Liberals have become largely a colourless group, with little to distinguish them from the moderate Labour outlook. Sir Charles Hobson recently admitted that when vacancies occur in Parliament, Liberals are unable to contest them—not because it is a question of finance or organisation, but because the Party cannot find sufficient support to justify the running of candidates. In other words, he indicated that Liberalism at present

suffers from a lack of clear-cut policies either on domestic or external issues. There are many questions on which Liberalism has to make up its mind. Included in these are the colossal expenditure on armaments, world monetary problems, trade barriers (which everybody condemns, but nobody abolishes), the paradox of over-production and the increasing capacity for production, which is in contradistinction to consumption and diminishing power of purchase. How does Liberal philosophy react to these issues? True, many of these matters are outside the sole determination of any one country, but they have to be faced, none the less. There is nowadays no more discredited epigram than that of "splendid isolation," for every nation depends upon others for its existence, and any attempt by one nation to solve these large issues must rest on the policies and policies of other countries. What Liberals, in common with other parties, have to do is to decide on their contribution to the general solution of these problems.

Of particular concern to the Liberal Party is the question of tariffs. Is Protection in England to be temporary or permanent? Mr. Chamberlain says the latter; Mr. Runciman would appear to incline to the other view. Another issue is the kind of taxation which the country needs to prevent Budget deficits—whether it be a maintenance of direct or an increase of indirect taxation. And then there is the point whether it is economically wise to spend vast sums upon public works which in their nature may not be remunerative, but which afford work and prevent the demoralising effects of the "dole." These are some of the matters on which Liberalism has to come out into the open if it expects to retain a place in the British political system. Unfortunately, there is no evidence at the moment of anything approaching unity of thought on these and other vitally important matters. It remains to be seen whether the now somnolent Party can be galvanised into fresh life and stage a new "come-back." We very much doubt it.

Killing for Sport.

Of late a growing section of public opinion in England has become increasingly hostile to hunting, shooting, and kindred so-called sports; but the numerous attacks which have been launched against them have provoked singularly little response. Particularly few and feeble have been the replies to the allegations of cruelty brought against stag hunting. There are, however, two exceptions to be noted to this general silence among the devotees of hunting. The first is "The Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man," which Siegfried Sassoon published anonymously. Mr. Sassoon is too fastidious a writer to make his book a polemic on hunting; he defends hunting only by description and implication, as is the manner of an artist. "The Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man" is indeed a very beautiful book; it is full of the atmosphere of the leisurely southern English countryside. But it does not owe its beauty to the hunting scenes it contains; rather does its value lie in its pictures of such things as Mr. Sassoon's slow walk home many years ago in the gathering twilight of a winter evening by the side of his horse Harkaway; or the cricket match between the teams of rival villages; or a country Sunday morning, with church bells ringing in the distance, and the local Anglo-Indian colonel reading from Isaiah. The book would have lost little or nothing had hunting never been mentioned. Clive Bell's broadcast speech on "The Morality of Grouse Shooting" was a definitely controversial affair. It was interesting, but not convincing. He admitted that killing was an essential part of the supposed enjoyment of grouse shooting, and that it produced an undesirable mental condition. But in answer he asserted that often when we feel at our noblest we are really in a bad mental state. Often, for example, our supposed virtue may be only self-righteousness. This is true enough, but it merely means that we sometimes think ourselves virtuous when we are not. It does not in the least mean, as Mr. Bell seems to think it does, that there are no occupations that produce desirable conditions of

DAY BY DAY

DO NOT SURRENDER YOURSELF TO THE TASTE YOU SAY YOU HAVE FOR THE CONTEMPTUAL LIFE. IT IS ONLY AN INDOLENCE OF THE SOUL.—Rousseau.

The Ben Line a.s. Benreoch, from Home ports via Straits and Manila, is due here on May 14th.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central over the Pacific to the South-east of Tokyo. Local forecast:—East winds, moderate; cloudy, some fog or mist.

On the occasion of the birthday of H.M. the Emperor, the Japanese Consul General and Mrs. Yoshida are holding a reception at their residence, 7A, Conduit Road, on Friday, from 12.45 to 1.30 p.m.

The manager of the firm of Schmidt & Co., of Gloucester Building, reported to the police yesterday that sometime between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. some person stole from the shop a pair of binoculars valued at \$100.

In connexion with the celebration of the Russian Easter, services are to be held at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, this week, by a Russian priest. The morning services commence at 8 a.m. and the evening services at 7 p.m.

The work of demolition of Sassoon Building, at the corner of Ice House Street and Des Voeux Road, has already begun. When the work has been completed, new building will be erected, which will be occupied by the National Commercial & Savings Bank Limited.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

ENJOYABLE SOCIAL EVENING

The closing social of the winter season of the Young People's Society of Kowloon Union Church was held in the hall last night when a most enjoyable time was spent by the large number present.

The Rev. Dr. E.L. Allen and Mrs. Allen, and members of the Society were hosts to the gathering which included 20 Chinese Christians from various Churches in Hong Kong, these being introduced by the Rev. Frank Short and Mrs. Short. Other guests included young people from Ying Wah College, Ying Wah Girls' School, and a number of service men attended by special invitation.

Miss Wong Yuet-lan opened the evening with a pianoforte solo and she played several times during the social. Happy games were played and those present indulged in hearty community singing. During the evening, Dr. Allen extended a warm welcome to the guests and expressed the hope that they had enjoyed themselves. The organisation was in the hands of the Young People's Society Social Committee.

But today give them the key, try to find a little brush for them to sweep with, leave the pattern on the floor and see how absorbed they become. It is often not enough for children to do a thing once or twice, but they will perform the same simple action over and over again until they seem to have satisfied some inner urge. You will be surprised how they keep out of mischief when they are allowed to busy themselves with something that really interests them.

But if you interfere impatiently and stop some absorbing occupation, you will destroy your child's concentration and perseverance—valuable lessons he is teaching himself—he will be dissatisfied, and filled with a sense of disappointment and restlessness, and will very likely find an outlet in deliberate mischief.

And what is this troublesome ness that we are so afraid of if we do not correct little children?

We say that we correct them for their own good, and a great deal of the time we honestly believe it. But it is strange how often what we feel to be their good amounts to the same thing as our own comfort!

We are all so busy with our growing-up, froggy work that we forget that the little tadpoles have work of their own to do—the work of growing into men and women.

It is a pity for mothers and fathers to alienate their children in this way. Mother simply doesn't count when a boy is in love, and father doesn't exist beside a girl's young man. This may seem cruel, but it's nature. Parents have to take a back seat eventually. They should try to remember their own youth, and the hostile criticism that they probably endured from their own parents. To remember is to forgive.

Fathers and mothers cannot expect their children to choose the sort of sweetheart that they would themselves. A dull dog in a good position may be a better match for Mabel than a gay dog in a poor one. The stolid young woman who can cook may make far better wife for Johnny than the darling little bit of fluff that can't. There's no incentive like opposition, and nothing drives a young couple into each other's arms more than a parent's stick. Sons and daughters are often accused of being rude and defiant, or never being at home if they can help it. In nine cases out of ten it is the result of antagonism in love affairs. It is far wiser of parents to pretend to like their children's sweethearts, even if they don't. If they make them welcome, and give them the run of the house, one of two things will happen. Either young people will get tired of each other or the family will become quite united.

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Besides, this interference and hostility don't do a bit of good. No boy ever gave up his sweetheart because his mother disapproved of her, and no girl loved a man less because her father didn't like his looks.

No. It's always better to accept the inevitable gracefully. Parents will gain respect instead of losing it.

HELEN ROSE.

WHEN YOUR CHILD KNOWS BETTER THAN YOU

By DR. MARIA MONTESSORI, M.D., D. LITT.

If this is work which only they can do. The greatest help we can give them is to stand by and see that they are free to develop in their own way. We can on the other hand make their work very hard. If we persist in saying "Mother knows best" and try to form their growing intellects and characters by our own standards, we shall only succeed in destroying the end of the tadpoles.

And yet that is how so many of us are trying to bring up our children. We are anxious that they shall grow into intelligent, useful citizens, with fine characters and good manners. And so we spend our time and patience correcting them, telling them to do this, not to do that, and when they want to know "Why mummy?" we don't stop to find out why we interfere, but put them off with "Mother knows best."

We are in exactly the same position as the foolish frog said to her little tadpoles in the pool, "Come out of the water, breathe the fresh air, enjoy yourselves in the young grass, and you will all grow into strong healthy little frogs. Come along now, mother knows best!" and the little tadpoles tried to obey, it would certainly mean the end of the tadpoles.

But if we change our whole attitude and say to ourselves, "Baby knows what is best for him. Let us of course watch that he comes to no harm, but instead of trying to teach him our ways let us give him freedom to live his own little life in his own way," then perhaps we shall learn something about the ways of childhood if we are observant.

This is a new way to look at the problem of responsibility which weighs so heavily on many parents.

Those of us who have tried to learn the ways of childhood from children (instead of from our own ideas) have been amazed at the discoveries we have made. And there is one point on which we all agree—children live in a world of their own interests, and the work they do there must be respected, for though many childish activities may seem pointless to grown-ups, nature is using them for her own ends. She is building mind and character as well as bone and muscle.

The greatest help you can give your children is freedom to go about their own work in their own way, for in this matter your child knows better than you.

LOVE AND LET LOVE

By HELEN ROSE.

Muddling is a weapon of the middle-aged. Young people usually leave one another's affairs alone. They love, and let love. But parents too often are apt to be critical when the family comes to the love affair stage.

Of course, parents have every right to warn a son or daughter against a really undesirable marriage, but a great many of them are hostile to their children's sweethearts, just because they don't like them.

It must be confessed that the newcomers are often on the defensive. They are running the family gauntlet, and the family are often hard hitters! Quite probably they have been warned in advance that "mother may be pretty snippy."

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HELEN ROSE.



"We could have been to work on time this morning, if you hadn't insisted on boiled eggs instead of scrambled."

PUBLIC MONEY VOTES

\$385,000 LOSS ON EXCHANGE

BROADCAST STUDIO

Nine votes totalling \$614,058 are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at its meeting to-morrow. The biggest sum, \$385,962, loss on exchange, it is explained, is the loss on exchange for 1931 amounted to \$385,961.21. Of this sum \$200,722 was due to the reduced dollar value of sterling securities owing to the rise in exchange during the year. The balance of \$186,240 is the loss incurred owing to the rise in the dollar on our short term investments in the Joint Colonial Fund and to other minor adjustments. In 1930 it will be recollect that owing to the heavy fall in the dollar the sum of \$1,480,590 was carried to revenue.

Securities and Stocks.

A sum of \$144,986 is required for depreciation of sterling securities. It is explained that the cost price of the Trustee Stock held on account of surplus funds was £104,096.13.10. The market value as at 31st December, 1931, was £94,091.4.1, the depreciation at that date being therefore £10,005.9 which at \$1 = 1/4.9716 amounts to \$144,986.18 and has to be written off. A vote for this sum is necessary.

A further sum of \$6,708 is required for loss on sale of stock. Of the holding of £20,000 nominal value of Newcastle Corporation 1945/55, 4½% stock for which £19,200 was paid for account of surplus balances the Crown Agents for the Colonies sold one-half realising £9,137.2.0, a loss of £462.18.0 which at 1/4.9716 = \$6,707.68. The £9,137.2.0 was reinvested in December, 1931, in London County Council 1945/55, 4½% stock at a fair value of £10,137.14.0. There has therefore been a slight increase in the nominal value and the yearly interest will also be slightly more.

A vote is requested to cover the difference between the original price and the sale price.

Sino-Japanese Conflict.

\$10,000 is required to meet expenses in connexion with the Sino-Japanese conflict, owing to the necessity for maintaining special precautions in the Colony. The sum covers pay for Police Reserves, cost of buses standing by during the Chinese New Year festivities, and board and lodgings for members of "E" contingent at Sailors' Home, Wan Chai, for protection of residences and shops.

A further vote is for \$48,000 for the purchase of No. 625, The Peak, for use as senior officers' quarters. This includes \$2,000 for fittings.

New Studio.

Another item is \$4,513 for the rent of Broadcasting Studio. It is explained that owing to the unsuitability of the Post Office Building for Broadcasting it was decided to remove the studio to the 2nd floor (Island site) of Gloucester Building. The above sum represents the rent of the Kowloon Residents' Association in this respect, the Committee of the China Light and Power Recreation Club are holding a concert at their premises at King's Park, Kowloon, on Saturday at 9 p.m. This will, in the main, take the form of a band concert, the band of H.M.S. Cornwall having been engaged for the occasion. Mrs. Fleming, Messrs. Sweet, Li Chor-wei, J. Braga, W. R. Fleming and others have also kindly volunteered to contribute to the programme.

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At the same time they are confident that it can be made a success and become a regular feature of entertainment during the summer months.

If possible, the concert will be held in the open air, but in the event of unfavourable weather conditions prevailing, it will take place in the new pavilion, which is capable of accommodating a large number of people.

Tickets will be on sale from members and at the door, price \$1.10 including tax, and it is the Club's intention to devote a proportion of the proceeds, after deduction of expenses, to charity.

GLOUCESTER BLDG. THEFT

A pocket book belonging to Mr. M. Ragusin, of the Venner Shoe shop, Gloucester Building, was stolen by a would-be customer yesterday when the man, together with another, entered the shop under the pretext of making a purchase.

The thief was brought before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court this morning and sentenced to four months' hard labour, it being stated that he had two previous convictions against him.

According to Inspector F. Shafrazi, the defendant and another man went to the shop and intimated that they desire to purchase a pair of shoes. The articles were

BRAILOWSKY ON FRIDAY

HONGKONG TREAT ASSURED

"All the world's a stage" to Alexander Braiowsky, whose career keeps him constantly vibrating between the continents. Every season since 1924 has found him in the United States for four months. The rest of the year is divided between Europe and other parts of the globe.

For instance in the spring of 1929, following his American tour, the Russian pianist left for Australia, where he gave ten concerts in Sydney, five in Adelaide, four in Perth, and ten in New Zealand. From Australia he returned to Europe, where he was engaged for all the important cities of Germany, France, England, Spain, and the Scandinavian countries as well as for appearances in Egypt. Just before coming back to the United States (January, 1930) he gave a cycle of six consecutive recitals in Paris, in the course of which he played the entire works of Chopin. The hall of the Conservatoire was packed to suffocation and each recital was prolonged to midnight with extra numbers.

In America last season he played as many concerts as he could fit, including six appearances with the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, travelling as usual from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast. Last April he left for Cuba, Mexico, and for his fourth tour of South America, where he played fifty concerts.

Braiowsky's travel began when he was very young. At the age of eleven he left Russia to study with Leschetizky in Vienna. Only a few years later he commenced to tour Europe. During the war he made his headquarters in Switzerland. After the peace Paris became his home and Europe his concert ground. His first visit to the United States was in 1924; his initial tour of South America the following year.

Braiowsky gives one recital in Hongkong on Friday at 9.30 p.m. at the King's Theatre.

BAND CONCERT

ATTRACTIVE EVENT FOR KOWLOON

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At the same time they are confident that it can be made a success and become a regular feature of entertainment during the summer months.

If possible, the concert will be held in the open air, but in the event of unfavourable weather conditions prevailing, it will take place in the new pavilion, which is capable of accommodating a large number of people.

Tickets will be on sale from members and at the door, price \$1.10 including tax, and it is the Club's intention to devote a proportion of the proceeds, after deduction of expenses, to charity.

POCKET-BOOK TAKEN FROM COAT

A pocket book belonging to Mr. M. Ragusin, of the Venner Shoe shop, Gloucester Building, was stolen by a would-be customer yesterday when the man, together with another, entered the shop under the pretext of making a purchase.

The thief was brought before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court this morning and sentenced to four months' hard labour, it being stated that he had two previous convictions against him.

According to Inspector F. Shafrazi, the defendant and another man went to the shop and intimated that they desire to purchase a pair of shoes. The articles were

ROUND THE WORLD TOURISTS

PUSHING A WHEEL-BARROW

ADVENTURERS IN HONGKONG

Three young men who have embarked upon the enterprise of travelling round the world pushing a wheelbarrow arrived in Hongkong this morning from Amoy.

The adventurers, Mr. A. Besden (American), Mr. J. Shelestian and Mr. J. Borovsky (Russian) originally intended to make the journey walking eastwards, but on reaching Shun-hai-kwan, they found the Sino-Japanese hostilities in progress and were turned back.

On their return to Shanghai (their original starting-point), they again found hostilities in progress and as members of the S.V.C. did duty until the fighting had ceased.

They had travelled over 2,000 kilometres pushing their wheelbarrow and decided not to give up the trip, but resumed, this time journeying southward. On reaching Amoy, fighting between Communists and the government forced them to instructions that they must not continue their cross-country trek, and boat was taken for Hongkong, where they arrived to-day. They are going to Canton, still pushing their wheelbarrow, after which they will return to Hongkong to proceed to Manila, Java will be the next point of call, after which they will travel through the Malay Peninsula, India, and across Europe.

They hope to complete their travels in from three and a half to four years.

GROWTH OF THE Y.M.C.A.

LOCAL ROTARIAN'S ADDRESS

The growth and expansion of the Y.M.C.A. movement, from its inception in the year 1844 in London to the present-day worldwide activities, was dealt with by Rotarian J. L. McPherson in an address which he delivered at yesterday's meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club, held at Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant under the Chairmanship of Sir William Hornell.

In particular, the speaker told of the work done in China in the field of promoting sport, health and mass general education. He refuted the allegation, sometimes made, that the Y. M. C. A. was a Communist and, replying to a criticism that it had lost its "C," said, "If what makes an institution Christian is a deep regard for human life, an unflinching insistence on its worth, an unchanging purpose and unfolding plan to give every man and boy a real chance to attain his potentialities, body, mind, and spirit, to afford the fullest opportunity to participate in the enlightenments and satisfactions of life—all this in the spirit of service—I maintain the 'C' is still there."

The Chairman welcomed Rotarian G. W. Greene of Canton Rotary Club, and Rotarian W. Yinn Lee, of Shanghai, as visitors; also two non-Rotarian guests, Mr. W. Gran, of Shanghai, and Mr. Ma Man-fai of the Sincere Company, Hongkong.

He also announced and welcomed two new members, Mr. C. W. Jeffries, of the Royal Observatory, and Mr. M. J. B. Montargis, remarking that Mr. Montargis was the first French member of the Club.

SAVING ARMY'S BANDS

DEFEAT OF THREE GENERALS

That the Army's regimental bands should be scrapped is an economy proposal which the public would hate to see carried out.

Such a proposal has been made, but the Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music, Kneeler Hall (Colonel H. S. Jervis, M. C.) met and defeated single-handed three generals who made the proposal. The generals favoured "scratch" bands for depots.

Colonel Jervis ironically applauded their notion.

"I see," said he. "The Blankshire's move out, taking with them their excellent cornet-players. In come the Greensleeves, with their spindid drums. So we have a unique band with two lots of drums and no cornets."

The bands will not be scrapped.

MANNA FALLS IN NATAL

ZULUS SEE HAND OF HEAVEN

Natives on a farm 18 miles north of Vryheid, in Natal, are rejoicing at what they believe to be a heavenly compensation for the destruction of their cattle in the recent drought.

When dawn broke on the property of Mr. Theunis Botha, cousin of the late General Botha, it was found that an area of twelve miles wide, 700 yards long by 60 feet wide, was covered with a white substance that looked like snow-drift. Without hesitation the natives rushed forward, accompanied by the white children of the farm, gathered it up in baskets, and ate it with relish.

Mr. Botha also gathered a sample, and, puzzled by the mysterious visitation, took it into Vryheid. Nobody could explain its presence nor the nature of the substance; but it corresponded in every respect with the manna described in the Bible in Exodus 16, verse 14:

"And when the day that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground."

And in verse 31:

"And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna; and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey."

The accuracy of the description was startling. In appearance the substance found on Mr. Botha's farm resembled small "popcorn," and it tasted "like wafers made with honey."

Manna in a Battlefield

Apparently this is only the second instance on record of such an occurrence in Natal, the previous occasion having been in 1856, when "manna" fell on a battlefield near the Tugela River after fight between Cetewayo and his brother Umbulazi. The oldest Zulu native in the locality can just recall it by hearsay, but he states that he has never known anything similar in his lifetime.

It is, of course, known that a type of manna exudes from certain trees of the eucalyptus family, but in the present instance the substance appeared on a wide stretch of barren veld without a tree anywhere in the vicinity. A sample has been sent to Johannesburg for analysis. I myself have tasted it, and can confirm the description.

Meanwhile, the Zulus are convinced that God is feeding them in return for the severe losses they suffered during the recent terrible drought.

The traditional theory has been that the manna recorded in the Bible was to be identified with the tamuruk mannafru, a species of tamarisk shrub which exudes a sugary secretion called manna. But an expedition sent out by the Hebrew University in Jerusalem to Central Sinai in 1927, determined that the manna is an excretion of insects which feed on the tamarisk. This produces clear syrup-like drops which, falling to the ground, form whitish grains from the size of a pin's head to that of a pea.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE SANITARY BOARD EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

A tribute to the work of members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in vaccinating residents against smallpox was paid by the President of the Sanitary Board (Mr. G. R. Sayer) at yesterday's meeting.

Before the commencement of business set out on the agenda paper, Mr. Sayer said: "I wish to make reference to the weekly reports published in the press of the progress of vaccination undertaken by St. John Ambulance Brigade. We have been very free from smallpox during the last few years, due largely to the efforts of these men. When no cases of smallpox are reported, an apathy towards vaccination exists, whereas in the middle of an epidemic you will find people rushing out to secure immunity. The figures since October last show that 137,778 people were vaccinated."

Mr. Sayer contended that this vaccination was to a large extent responsible for the check to smallpox and he considered it only right that the Board should intimate in some way to the Commissioners of St. John Ambulance Brigade its appreciation of the Brigade's efforts.

Mr. Sayer concluded: "I now ask your leave to move that the Secretary be instructed to write an appropriate letter to the Commissioners of St. John Ambulance Brigade expressing our thanks."

The Director for Public Works, the Hon. Mr. Harold T. Greaves, seconded the motion.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin—As a member of both the Brigade and the Board, I am proud of the Brigade's splendid work.

Mr. M. K. Lo—I am glad official recognition of the work of the Brigade has been given by the Board.

The motion was carried unanimously.

RADIO BROADCAST

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6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.

6.00-6.20 p.m. Children's Concert.

7.00-10.30 p.m. European Pro-

gramme of Victor Records.

7.00 p.m. Mail Notice, etc.

7.03-7.45 p.m. Variety.

Orchestra-Turkey in the Straw.

Orchestra-The Irish Washerwoman.

Victor Concert Orchestra. 22101.

Song-Nightingale Song.

Della Baker (Soprano).

Vocal Duet-Listen to the Mocking Bird. Alice Green and Raymond Dixon. 19889.

Song-Let Me Be Your Side Track.

Song-Rodgers-Pizzare Record.

Jimmy Rodgers. 23021.

Clarinet Solo-Riverside Stomp.

Clarinet Solo-Friendship Blues.

Douglas Williams. V-38031.

Song-Behind the Clouds.

Gene Austin (Tenor).

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FRIENDLY HOCKEY

MAMAK SHIELD WINNERS BEATEN

On the Radio Ground at Caroline Hill yesterday, the Radio Sports Club, winners of the Mamak Shield, were beaten by H. M. S. Veteran in a very fast and even encounter. There was very little to choose between the two teams. The Veteran men put up a stout defence against a fast forward line, the goalie and left back being prominent in some excellent saves, whilst their centre-forward played a dashing game, scoring on no fewer than three occasions. The other goal was scored by the outside left.

For the Radio, Hanib at centre-half did well to cover the opposing centre-forward, whilst G. Singh and K. Singh also played well. The former scored twice and the latter once. At the final whistle, the Veteran were leading by four goals to three and deserved their victory.

A return match between these teams will be played on Friday, at 5.10 p.m. on the same ground. The following have been selected to represent the Radio:—A. Sparry; P. Singh, J. Singh; Hanib, G. Jack, M. Singh; S. Singh, J. T. K. Ghichrist, K. Singh, and F. A. Kemp. Reserves: J. Singh and Atta Singh.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE.

FORTHCOMING CONCERT AT THE HELENA MAY

Encouraged by the success of the "At Home" held last year, the local branch of the Overseas League have decided to venture a little further afield in the way of entertainment, and on May 6 the committee of the League have arranged for a variety entertainment to be held at the Helena May Institute.

The programme will consist of vocal and instrumental items, dancing displays, and two one-act plays. An attractive feature of this special entertainment is the fact that of the artists appearing one or two have not yet been heard by local audiences.

Although the evening has been specially arranged for Overseas League members, it is also open to the public, and tickets can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the League at the Helena May Institute.

The Overseas League, one of the best known British institutions, is doing extremely useful work in helping to keep alive the splendid traditions of the country, and the local branch in a small measure are helping the main body in this work. It is therefore hoped that their efforts in arranging the entertainment will receive wholehearted support.

EXCHANGE RATES.

| | Previous Day | Yesterday |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Paris | 92½ | 92½ |
| Geneva | 18.50/16 | 18.75 |
| Berlin | 15.50 | 15.30 |
| Oslo | 20.10 | 19.13/16 |
| Helsingfors | 215 | 215 |
| Athens | 300 | 200 |
| Buenos Aires | 364 | 364 |
| Shanghai | 1/8.1/16 | 1/8.1/16 |
| New York | 3.68 | 3.04 |
| Amsterdam | 9.05 | 8.97½ |
| Vienna | 32 | 32 |
| Madrid | 47.5/16 | 40.9/16 |
| Buenos Aires | 615 | 612½ |
| Hongkong | 1/3.1/16 | 1/3.5/16 |
| Brussels | 26.20 | 25.95 |
| Milan | 71½ | 70¾ |
| Stockholm | 20.20 | 19.95 |
| Copenhagen | 18.25 | 18.95 |
| Prague | 124½ | 122½ |
| Lisbon | 110 | 110 |
| Rio | 4½ | 4½ |
| Bombay | 1/5.16/16 | 1/5.15/16 |
| Yokohama | 1/8.16/16 | 1/9.3/11 |
| Montevideo | 30 | 30 |
| Montreal | 4.10½ | 4.00 |
| Silver (spot) | 17 | 17 |
| " (forward) | 17.1/16 | 17.1/16 |

—British Wireless.



It's usually a retiring girl who pulls her shade down.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

On the resumption of business after the Bottlemont, markets did not open promisingly this morning, and, although quotations remain unchanged, generally no interest was shown in either the investment or the speculative sections.

Sales.

Hongkong Banks, \$1500 n.
Hotels (Cum. Rights) \$13.20

China Lights (Old) \$21.30

Buyers

Douglas \$27

Benguet Exploration 30 cents.

Providents (Old) \$4.05

Providents (New) \$2.30

Hotels (Cum. Rights) \$13.15

Hongkong Landa 700

Hongkong Realtor \$11.5

Chinese Estates 200½

Yaumati Ferries 200

China Lights (Old) \$21

Hongkong Electric \$73½

Macao Electric \$24

Cements (Combined) \$18.70

Constructions (Old) \$6.60

Constructions (New) \$1.5

Govt. Loans 4% Premium.

Sellers

South China Motors "D" \$12

Hongkong Trams \$22½

S. C. Enterprises \$9

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminals.

August 1932 4/9½ up ½ d.

December 1932 5/13½ up ½ d.

March 1933 5/43½ up ½ d.

May 1933 5/6½ down ½ d.

Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ½ d. less, more.

New York Terminals.

May 1932 .60 no change.

July 1932 .68 down 1 pt.

September 1932 .78 no change.

December 1932 .82 down 2 pts.

March 1933 .89 down 3 pts.

INTERPORT TEAM

CRICKET PLAYERS FOR SHANGHAI CHOSEN

The Interport cricket team for the forthcoming contest against Shanghai has been selected. The team sails on the President Jefferson on May 14.

The following have been chosen to represent Hongkong:

E. J. R. Mitchell (H.K.C.C.), Capt.

G. R. Sayer (Civil Service C.C.).

J. E. Richardson (Civil Service C.C.).

Lieut. A. C. Hamilton (S.W.B.).

G. C. Beck (Hongkong C.C.).

G. C. Burnett (Kowloon C.C.).

E. F. Fincher (Kowloon C.C.).

P. Madan (Kowloon C.C.).

A. H. Minu (Indian R.C.).

W. Patterson (Craiggower C.C.).

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$28 n.

Watsons, \$15 n.

Watsons Rights, \$31½ n.

Der A. Wings, \$1 n.

Lane Crawfords, \$6.90 n.

Mackintosh, \$20½ n.

Sinceres, \$17½ n.

Powell's, \$3.66 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$22½ n.

Entertainments (old) \$14.25 s.

Constructions (old), \$6.60 b.

Constructions (new), \$1.75 b.

S. C. Enterprises \$10 s.

B. Ind. G. & Bonds, \$58% n.

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Banks, \$1500 n.

Chartered Banks, \$11 n.

Mercantile Banks, \$18½ n.

East Asia, \$116 b.

Am: O. Finance Corp., \$29 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1250 n.

Union Ins., \$460 n.

China Underwriters, \$4 n.

China Fires, \$690 n.

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**CINEMA SCREENINGS.
NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.**

Though Thomas Meighan, popular screen actor, has no children, he portrayed the role of father in the two recent talking pictures in which he also directed the films. In "Skylined," the Fox production which reaches the King's Theatre next Thursday, he is the father of Hardline Albright, the handsome young leading man he cuffed and kicked in "Young Sinners."

Meighan has his own ideas of what a father should be to his son, and it has nothing to do with clipping one's offspring on the jaw with a hard fist. "If I had a boy, I'd make a pal of him; I'd teach him to play golf and take him to prize fights and on fishing trips," declares Meighan. "I wouldn't leave him to his mother; I'd get him interested in the things that interest me. If I found that didn't work, I'd interest myself in what interested him. A father who inaugurates a relationship of this kind when his boy is young, need never worry about his son getting into trouble as he grows up."

Meighan's father intended that Tom should become a doctor, but his son chose an acting career, instead. Starting with small roles he rapidly forced his way to the front rank on the stage, and starred in "The College Widow." Portrayed his first motion picture role in "The Fighting Hope," and subsequently gained wide recognition for his screen performances—in "The Miracle Man," "Manslaughter," "The Racket" and "Young Sinners."

In "Skylined," Meighan enacts the role of the unknown father who is bitterly hated by his son, because he deserted the boy's mother when she was about to become a mother.

Albright appears as the boy and Maureen O'Sullivan, dainty and winsome little actress from Ireland, portrays the role of the girl of the terrors with whom he builds romance.

Myrna Loy and Donald Dillaway are also featured. The supporting cast embraces a number of popular favourites including Stanley Fields and Jack Kennedy. The picture, adapted from the novel "East Side; West Side," was directed by Sam Taylor. "Mind Readers Will Answer Unasked Questions."

If there is anything you want to know, all you have to do is to attend one of the performances at the Queen's Theatre where Aleko and Panthena, mental marvels, will open a week's engagement beginning from Wednesday and ask Aleko. He will tell you and startle you with accuracy of his answers.

In this unique mental presentation you are not requested to either state your questions or write it on paper, all you have to do think of the question you want to ask and Aleko and Panthena will immediately give you the correct answer from the stage.

Aleko and Panthena have the distinction of being the only mentalists to have played all the capital cities of the world and have appeared by royal command before the King and Queens of Europe.

"Delicious," Janet Gaynor's and Charles Farrell's newest melody romance, coming to the King's Theatre soon, takes its name from the charming manner in which Heather Gordon, a little Scotch immigrant waif, the heroine, mispronounces words.

Janet, as Heather, makes friends with a troupe of Russian minstrels in the steerage of the boat in which she is coming to America. One of them is a handsome young poet and pianist, played by Paul Roulien, who falls in love with the mirthful little gamin whose sense of humour and innate optimism keep the company in constant good spirits.

It is their effort to find a piano on which to try out the tune, that leads them from the steerage into the forbidden saloon of the first cabin where Janet meets Farrell for the beginning of the romance which motivates the picture.

"Stepping Sisters."

Sparkling with wit and exhilarating in mirth-provoking situations, "Stepping Sisters," hilarious Fox comedy, is showing at the King's Theatre to-day. An all star cast romps through a series of side-splitting episodes. There is not a dull moment.

Twenty years have elapsed since a trio of luscious beauties sang and danced inights for the entertainment of those who liked the burlesque show of earlier days. Two have gone in for culture, one being the proud matelaine of a lavish Long Island home while the other has become a noted exponent of Shakespeare. The third has persevered in burlesque and has accumulated wealth and worldly wisdom.

Their meeting at a charity fete brings gaiety tinged with embarrassment. Although they recall the good old days when they were billed as the "Three Stepping Sisters" with sentiment that is, at times, almost ribald, each continues to act the character she has created and advanced during the intervening.

The zestful and delightful portrayals of Louise Dresser, Minna Conchell and Jobyna Ralston stimulate the ensuing action to a high pitch.

Among the highlights of the production in the rehearsal for the allegory which is to be given at the benefit for homeless cats and dogs. And let it be admitted here, that nothing more laugh-provoking has ever been seen and heard on the screen.

William Collier, St. Howard Phillips and Ferdinand Munster gave outstanding performances. The picture was directed by Seymour Felix, who has proved himself a master of comedy situations.

"Susan Lenox".

Greta Garbo soars to fresh heights of dramatic achievement in "Susan Lenox, Her Fall and Rise," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre.

In the picturization of the famous David Graham Phillips novel directed for the screen by Robert Z. Leonard, Garbo is superb in a role demanding frequent transitions; endowing it with an emotional intensity that makes the characterization of the Swedish farm girl who rises to fame and wealth a

real one. Her character is one that lives.

Clark Gable plays opposite Garbo in the new film and offers a magnificent performance. The man who first causes the girl to go astray but returns to atone for his recklessness in the year that have witnessed her triumphs and disasters.

Leonard directed the picture with a rare sympathy and understanding which the production abounds in dramatic value and swift action. Wanda Tuchock adapted the novel for the picture and dialogue was supplied by Cedric Searns and Leon Gordon.

The supporting cast is excellent, the featured roles including Jean Harlow, John Miljan, Alan Hale, Hamilton, Ildra Vaughn and others.

"Black Coffee".

Sir Claud Amory had invented a high explosive and the formula had been stolen. He summoned Hercule Poirot, the eminent French detective, to his aid, but gave the thief who was one of the house party, an opportunity to return the formula. Within a few minutes the scientist was dead, poisoned by hydrocyanic acid in his coffee. It was now Poirot's task to discover the murderer. The intriguing story is told in "Black Coffee" which the Queen's is showing to-morrow.

It has been said that British screen stars do not know how to dress, a criticism which until recently was only too true. It will not be applied, however, to Adrienne Allen, who stars in "Black Coffee." Already acknowledged as one of the best dressed actresses on the stage, Miss Allen took particular pains to uphold her reputation as a perfectly gowned beauty in this film, for which all her clothes were specially designed by famous dress artists. A beautiful black evening creation which she wears in the rambling sequence is said to be the last word in ultra-modern chic, and to have cost a fabulous amount of money.

"The Mad Parade".

"I have been in motion picture work for many years and I have played in stories which were packed with exciting incidents," says Evelyn Brent. "Productions in which I have played the leading feminine roles have presented innumerable situations where the action of the characters rose to great heights and where the playing of the scenes gave me the feeling that it was more real than 'just making' a picture. But in all my years in the movies I never experienced such nervous reactions and such actual excitement as in 'The Mad Parade.'

In one of the scenes I was called upon to crawl on the ground, through trenches, shell holes, barbed wire entanglements and past ground charges (Continued on Next Column.)

of dynamite. It was one of the biggest thrills of my picture career."

"It was a night scene. The action called for my running over No Man's Land, spotted with ground charges bombs. I started and the bombs began bursting. I was supposed to be knocked down by the first one and crawl the rest of the way, a distance of about 200 feet. Was that work? Well, if any movie fans have the idea that the making of all motion pictures is 'pink' pink, I hope they for them pass their own judgment whether they'd care to do it. I crawled for a distance of about 100 feet with a supposedly injured arm, and unable to use that arm. Try it some time. Get down on your stomach and crawl over muddy, rough, shell torn earth for a hundred feet or so with the use of just one arm."

"I'd like especially for young girls ambitious to become movie stars to see those scenes. Here, in graphic description without the need of any words, folks will see and understand once and for all that the making of motion pictures is not all glory by a long shot. I doubt if any group of motion picture stars, which included Irene Rich, Louise Fazenda, Lillian Tashman, Marcelline Day, Fritz Ridgeley, the Keating Twins and myself, ever worked in a picture where such downright courage was necessary and where such physical hardships were encountered. Everyone of the girls was marvellous. Each did her bit like the bravest of the doughboys. I'll never forget those scenes as long as I live. They will stand out in bold relief as some of the greatest thrills in my career in picture making."

"The Mad Parade" will be shown at the Central Theatre for the last time to-day. It's a picture that no one can afford to miss.

"To-night or Never".

The annals of Venice, with gondolas floating in mysterious moonlit shadows, and the banks of the Danube at Budapest, lined with ancient palaces and thronging with sycophants, were both exactly reproduced by native experts in Hollywood for the production of "To-night or Never," a United Artists picture, which comes to the Central Theatre to-morrow. It's a story of the romance between a Hungarian opera-singer and her mysterious American pursuer shifts from Italy to Hungary to furnish it with all the old-world charm desired by its author, the Hungarian Baroness Lili Hatvany.

The setting which Willy Pogany, internationally famous Hungarian artists, designed for the wine-gardens on the banks of the Danube is said to be one of the most elaborate and successful illusions ever attempted on the screen. He invented totally new and (Continued on Next Column.)

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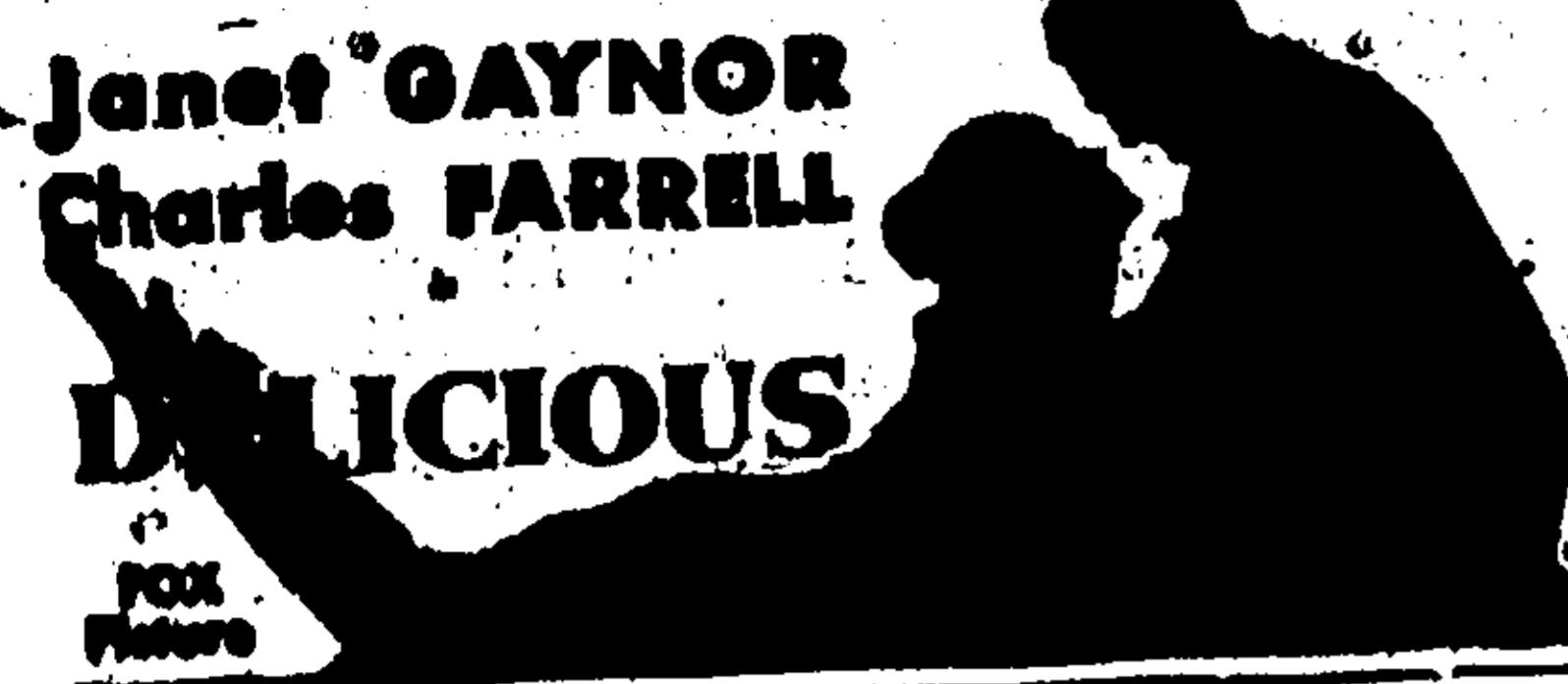
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QUESTION AGAIN RAISED AT SANITARY BOARD

At the last meeting of the Sanitary Board an application was received for the erection of five water closets at No. 16, New Market Street and No. 8, Connaught Road West. Consideration of the application was adjourned to enable the Board to see the premises.

At yesterday's meeting, the Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. Harold T. Creasy moved a motion that the application be refused. Mr. Creasy said:

"The select committee has unanimously recommended the refusal of this application after visiting the premises and after careful consideration."

"This building is used as a boarding house and does not provide the necessary open air space so essential for combating such diseases as meningitis and tuberculosis. The lack of light and ventilation will continue for a much longer period unless the Board asks for the necessary improvements in this respect before it grants such facilities as are afforded by the introduction of modern sanitation."

The Board already calls for many conditions to be complied with before granting these installations, such as an independent water supply, storage tanks and fittings etc. It therefore follows that the request for the provision of the necessary amount of open space would be only reasonable as it prevents the prolongation of the life of this class of slum property.

If it is claimed that the Board is imposing upon property owners by calling upon them to comply with the requirements in regard to open space before granting their requests for water closets, then it can also be claimed that the property owners have imposed upon their tenants by failure to provide an sufficiency of open space.

Should the voting of this Board be to the contrary I would submit that the policy be re-considered. The Select Committee has consistently treated every application on its merits and this, I understand was to have been the policy of the Board."

Mr. Creasy's motion was defeated.

An amendment by the chairman (Mr. G. R. Sayer) granting some concessions to the applicants was carried.



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Goods not cleared by the 30th April, 1932, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period. For the examination of damaged dutiable goods, the consignee must arrange for a Revenue Officer to be present.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

No fire insurance has been effected.

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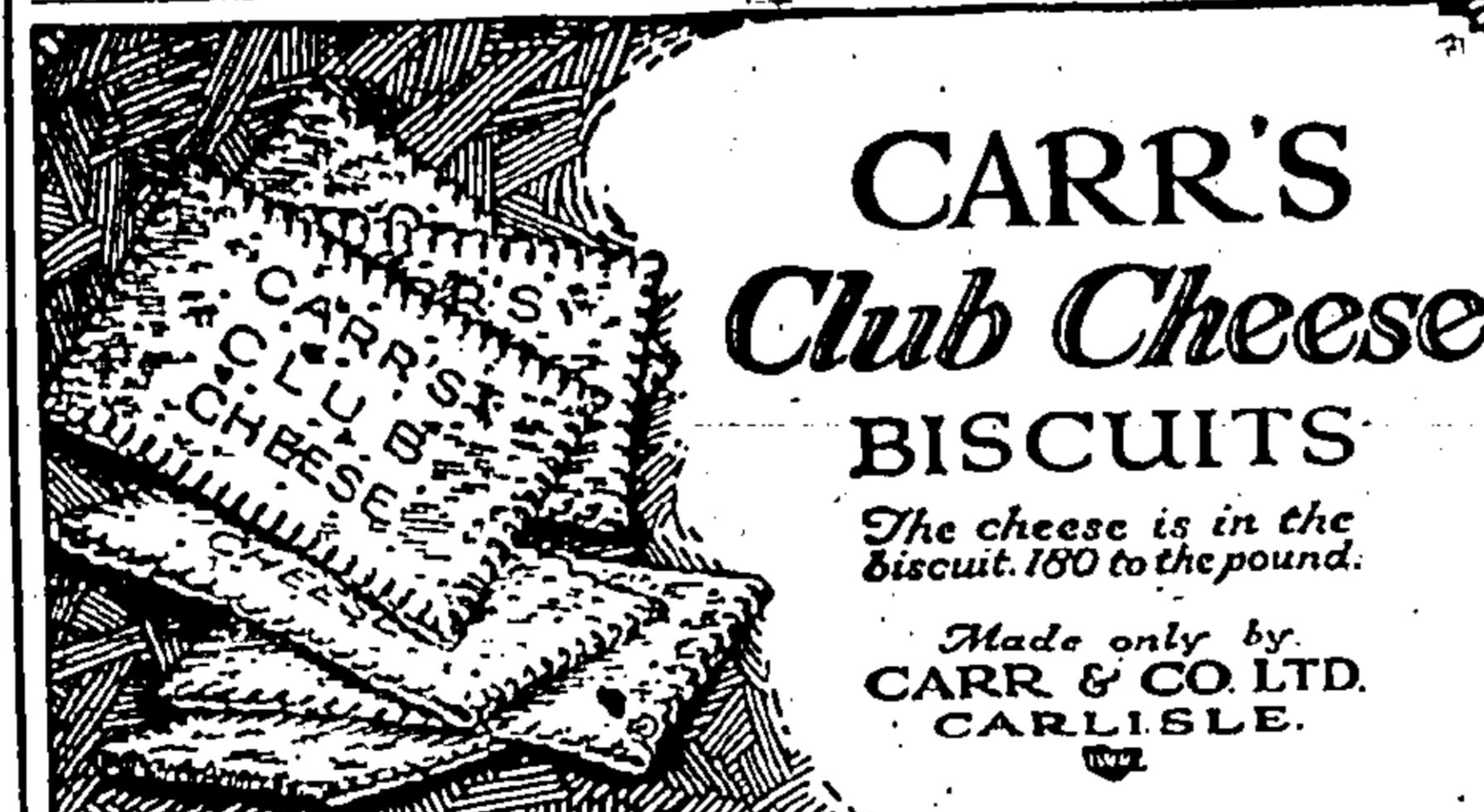
MORE IN BILL THAN MEET THE EYE

London, Apr. 26. An important development in the Irish Free State oath controversy was announced by Mr. J. H. Thomas in the House of Commons to-day. He declared that an examination of the bill introduced into the Dail last week showed that it was designed not merely to remove the oath, but also Repealed Section 2 of the Free State Constitution which provides that the Anglo-Irish Treaty shall have force in law, and any amendments to the Constitution affecting the Treaty shall be held void and inoperative.

The bill also amends article 15 of the constitution in order to enable amendments being made to the Constitution without necessary regard to the terms of the Treaty. Mr. Thomas commented that the text of the bill confirms the general view of his despatch to Mr. de Valera on April 19 that the bill constitutes a repudiation of the Anglo-Irish settlement.—Reuter.

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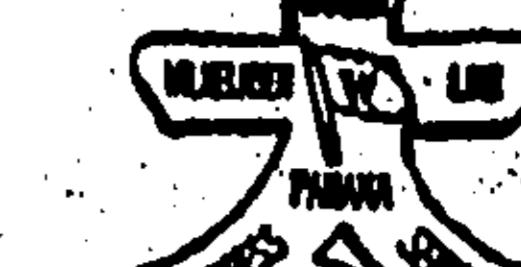
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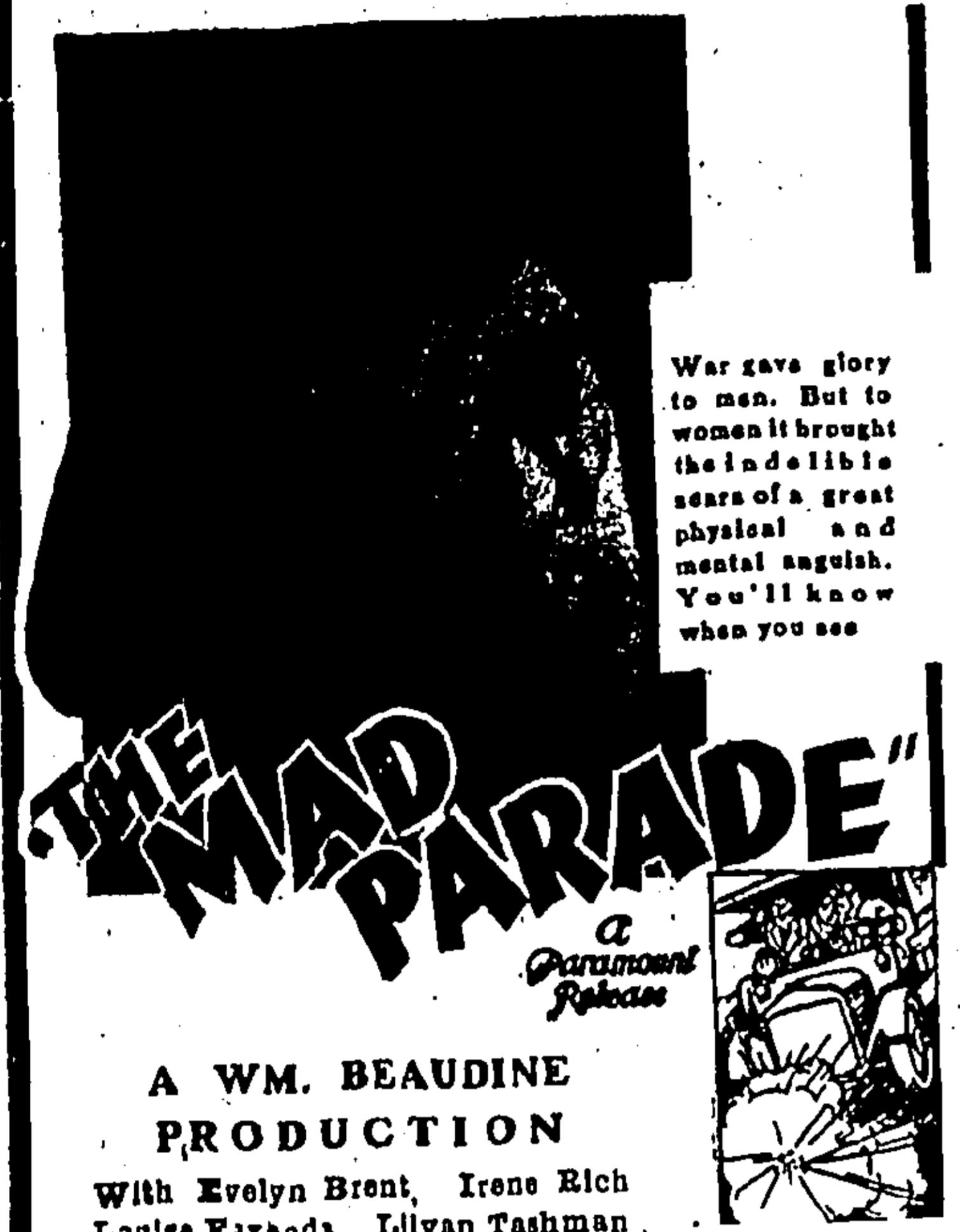
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FINE DISPLAY FOR EMPIRE PRODUCTS FAIR

There is promise of a very fine display of poultry at the Empire Products Fair, to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on May 28 and 29. As at present planned, there will be available approximately thirty coops, each measuring two feet, by two feet, by two feet six inches high. Already applications have been received for some fifteen coops. These have been reserved, and in them such breeds as S. C. White Leghorns, Plymouth Rocks (barred), Orpingtons, Minorcas and Rhode Island Reds will be shown.

Apart from the birds, there will be offered for sale new-laid eggs, hatching eggs, feeding troughs, water fountains and an assortment of specialised poultry food. Mrs. R. M. Dyer (608, The Peak) and Mr. J. A. S. Alves (c/o Messrs. Hughes and Hough) were elected a sub-committee at the last meeting of the Fair Committee to organise and take charge of the poultry section. They will be very willing to assist intending exhibitors with advice and any other information.

Conditions Drawn Up.

The following provisional conditions have been drawn up for information and guidance of intending exhibitors:

1. There will be no entrance fee, and no competition.

2. All birds intended for exhibit will be examined before they will be allowed to be shown. Birds with the slightest sign of sickness will be rejected.

3. Birds must reach the Peninsula Hotel not later than 11 a.m. on Monday, the 23rd May, accompanied by a note stating clearly whether the birds are for exhibit and/or for sale.

4. Birds for exhibit may not be removed until after the Fair, say, on the 24th May at 6 p.m. Those for sale can be removed immediately after the birds have been paid for. Chits will not be accepted.

5. Sanitary coops which will be thoroughly disinfected before use will be supplied. Every precaution will be taken that immediately after the close of the opening day's Fair and before the re-opening on Empire Day, all coops and birds will be slightly sprayed with disinfectant. The birds will be properly fed, watered and cared for during the period of the Fair.

6. The Fair Committee will exercise all reasonable care and attention of all birds exhibited at the Fair, but they will not assume any responsibility for loss, etc., etc. As a protective measure, however, the Fair Committee will endeavour to obtain an insurance policy covering theft and fire.

PROF. GERRARD'S LECTURE

HOW MENINGITIS IS SPREAD

Prof. W. I. Gerrard, of the Hongkong University, delivered a paper before the members of the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association last night on the subject of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis. Dr. T. Y. Li, President of the Association was in the chair.

Prof. Gerrard said.—Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis or Spotted Fever is an alarming disease but yet Meningooccal Meningitis when compared with other forms of meningitis is by far the most hopeful as regards response to treatment—poor consolation perhaps to some.

We all know the disease is due to the Meningococcus which prefers to appear in epidemic form at certain periods of the year. The prevalence is greatest during the first six months and this has been attributed to cold, to wet, to East winds and increased humidity. We are aware that these factors act only by causing overcrowding and deficient ventilation and so increase the number of carriers of the Meningococcus. From our war experiences we know that overcrowding in barracks and confined spaces resulted in severe epidemics.

Medical's Duty.

As medical men it is our duty to calm public anxiety by giving the assurance that Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis is seldom spread directly from a patient. The infection of doctors and nurses is rare, and the disease rarely spreads from one patient to others in a ward. Multiple cases in families affected are rare. The infection is harboured and carried by healthy chronic carriers.

The Carrier Danger.

A person after having had the disease may become a carrier, but many carriers both acute and chronic have never had the disease. A rise in the carrier rate is a danger signal, because when this reaches twenty per cent, actual cases of the disease begin to appear and an epidemic commences. The increase in the carrier rate will be found to be associated with over-crowding and bad ventilation.

There are conditions which predispose to an attack such as nasopharyngeal catarrh, fatigue and lowered resistance after some other illness. The infection is conveyed directly from mouth to mouth in coughing or sneezing. The infecting power and virulence of the particular strain of meningococcus varies. There is no evidence that the infection is conveyed or spread by fomites, that is to say, by various articles touched by the patient.

THE PRUSSIAN CABINET.

EXPECTED TO RESIGN AS RESULT OF ELECTION

Berlin, Apr. 26. The term of office of the present Prussian Cabinet expires on the 20th. of next month and in view of the result of the elections it is anticipated that it will resign rather than face a motion of non-confidence.

Even then, however, it must carry on until the new Cabinet is formed. In consequence of the difficulty of getting a new Ministry afoot it is quite probable that Herr Otto Braun, the Premier and Herr Severing, Minister of the Interior, will continue to rule Prussia for some time yet, as the heads of the provisional Government.

It is not likely to be known until June, when the Diet meets, whether the Nazis are able to count on sufficient assistance to get into power.—Reuter's Special Service.

One good thing is that the meningococcus dies very quickly when removed from the mucous membrane of the carrier.

Knowledge Still Sought.

We congratulate ourselves on the advance in the knowledge of infectious disease which the germ theory has brought about, yet we are utterly and completely ignorant of the two things about infectious disease which are most worth knowing on that topic. First no man has conceived how the parasites of disease first attach themselves on the body,—a specific parasite to a specific animal. We have not the least idea how diseases first begin. Secondly no one knows why diseases vary in virulence from time to time,—why, for instance, should the meningococcus in some cases prove mild in its manifestations and in others have a devastating effect. We know it is said that human resistance varies but that is only to restate the problem in terms of which we know nothing. On these high topics of Medicine we know as much and as little as Hippocrates.

"A Truly Gloomy Picture."

Prof. Gerrard then went on to speak of the pathology of the disease and to discuss methods of diagnosis and treatment. Speaking of prophylactic vaccine, Prof. Gerrard at the conclusion of his paper said there had been no great facility for giving this method a trial on an extensive scale in Hongkong. "The epidemic at present dying down," he added, "has not been a severe one but my own experiences as regards mortality rate have been sad. So far the death rate in the cases I have seen has been no less than 85 per cent. a truly gloomy picture."

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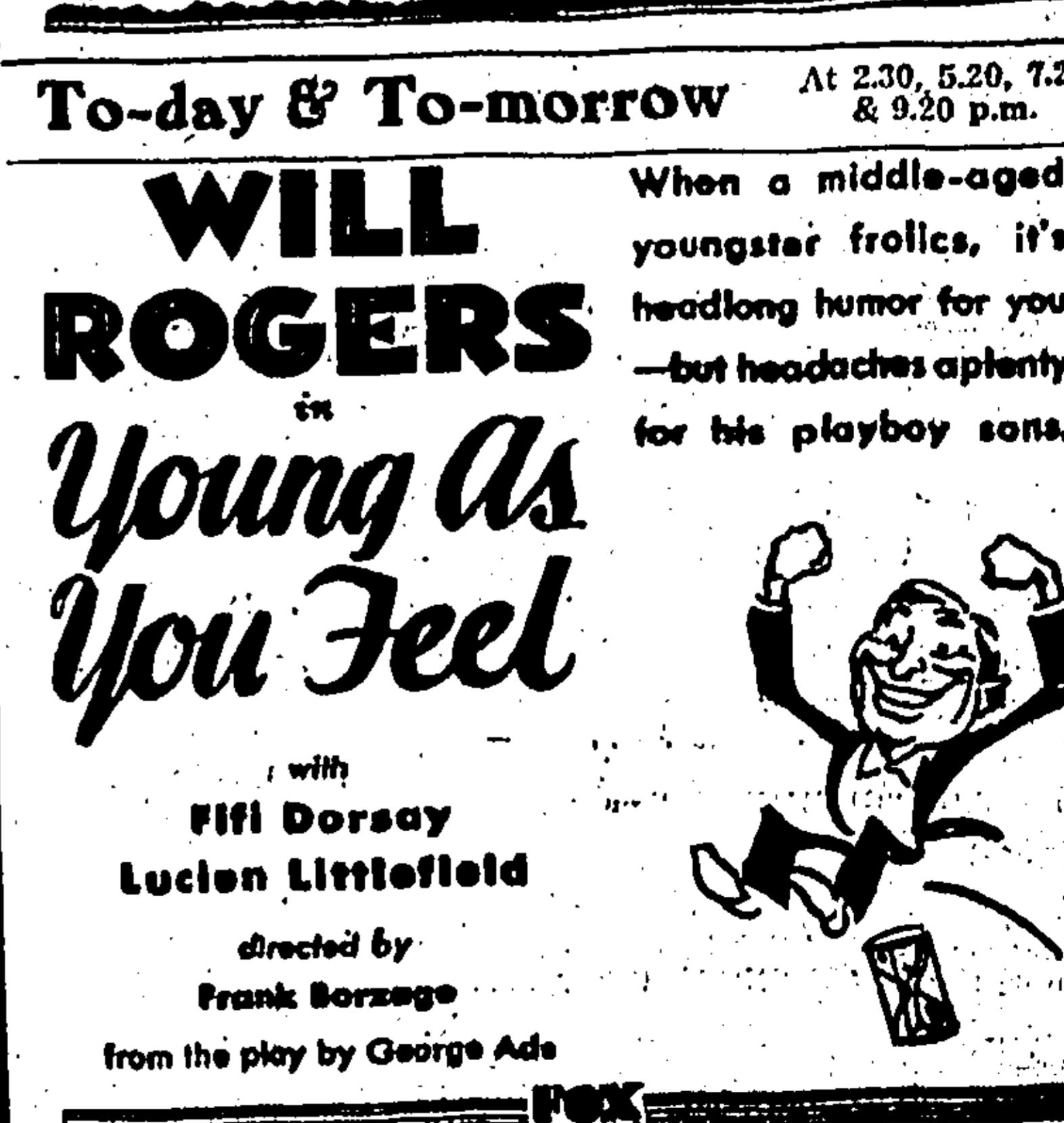
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Tokyo, Apr. 27, 2.01 p.m.

With Eastern and Northern Manchuria aflame with insurgency against the Manchukuo Government, the Japanese army in the Harbin area has begun the largest military operation since the drive against China in December last.

Three brigades are now on the move under the command of Lieut. General Hirose, travelling by rail and by river, aiming to crush the rebel troops on the eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway and the Lower Sungari regions by a huge pincer movement.—Reuter.

SCHEME OF OPERATIONS

Lieut. General Hirose's Command is composed of Major-General Murai's Mixed Brigade, working to the north from Mielenpo in the direction of Fungchen, Man.

Major-General Yoda's Brigade, moving eastward along the Chinese Eastern Railway to join the Murai Brigade; and the Nakamura Brigade which left Harbin this morning, sailing down the Sungari with a unique armada.

UNIQUE ARMADA

The Nakamura troops were loaded into twenty-two river-boats converted into ironclads, each mounting two field-guns and escorted by four Manchukuo gunboats.

The armada is steaming cautiously through the floating ice owing to reports that the insurgents have laid mines in the river.

Minor operations to crush the guerrillas in other districts are also making progress.—Reuter.

Hengtaohotze Taken

Harbin, Apr. 26.

The Japanese forces to-day occupied Hengtaohotze, which had been held by insurgent troops. Hengtaohotze is on the eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway, along which the Japanese troops are continuing to advance.—Reuter.

NEW YORK SHARE GRAFT

STARTLING INQUIRY ALLEGATIONS

Washington, Apr. 26.

Sensational evidence was given to-day before the Senate Committee appointed to investigate conditions on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr. Florello La Guardia, who sits in the House of Representatives for New York City, alleged that over \$325,000 had been paid in recent years to financial writers to boost stocks in which brokers were "rigging" the market.—Reuter.

NAVAL SUMMER CRUISE

HOME FLEET OFF TO SCOTLAND

London, Apr. 26.

Plymouth-manned ships of the Home Fleet, including the flagship H.M.S. Nelson, left port to-day for their summer cruise in Scottish waters. The cruise will be followed by visits to coastal holiday resorts.—British Wireless.

The Empress of Japan is due here from Shanghai at 9 a.m. on Friday.

Two further cases of meningitis were notified yesterday, both from Victoria, as well as one case each of small-pox and diphtheria.

NOT GUILTY!

SESSIONS TRIAL SENSATION

MAN WHOSE GUILTY PLEA WAS REFUSED

Although he had originally pleaded guilty to the murder of Tsang Tai-kai at Victoria Gap on February 18th, Cheung Iu-wah was this afternoon acquitted both on that charge and also of manslaughter.

After having returned a unanimous verdict of not guilty on the capital charge, the jury later found similarly in respect of manslaughter, by four votes to three.

Prisoner was therefore acquitted.

The jury first retired at 1.30 p.m., and after being absent for about forty minutes they returned a unanimous verdict of not guilty on the murder charge, but could not agree as to whether prisoner was guilty of manslaughter.

Mr. Hazlerigg, for the Crown, pointed out that the jury need not be unanimous on the manslaughter count.

Mr. Fitzroy, for the defence, said the case had been presented by the Crown as one of murder, and the jury must deal with that or nothing.

Mr. Justice Wood then directed the jury on the manslaughter issue, whereupon the jurors again retired, later bringing in a verdict of not guilty on this charge also.

"PLANTED" PAPERS?

At the beginning of his address to the jury on behalf of prisoner Mr. Fitzroy referred to the finding of the papers near the place where the body was found and as to the possibility of their having been "planted" there. Counsel emphasised that he had made no accusation against the police in the matter. He had dealt over long years with Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds and knew his integrity and that of his superiors.

The point was that information brought to the police from outside might well be "planted" from the condition of the writing pad and envelopes, clean and not discoloured after having been alleged to have lain in the open all night, raised natural suspicion that they had been "planted," not by the police but by someone else at a later date than the time of the murder.

Counsel referred to the medical evidence, pointing out that Doctor A. V. Graves, who made a post mortem examination of the body (Continued on Page 12.)

A ONE-SIDED ARRANGEMENT

BRITAIN'S TRADE WITH RUSSIA

London, Apr. 26.

In the Commons to-day, several questions were put regarding Russia and the President of Board of Trade was asked if the Government would consider terminating the Russian Trade Agreement and entering upon a new agreement whereby Russian imports would be limited to an amount equivalent to that of British manufactured goods exported to Russia, any excess to be subject to thirty-three and third per cent. duty, a portion of which should go to a compensation fund for British creditors.

Mr. Runciman replied that the Government were considering the question of securing a more satisfactory balance of trade between Britain and Soviet Russia but did not consider that the claims of British creditors against Russia could be satisfactorily dealt with in such a way.

They were impressed by the large preponderance of Russian business in Britain in return for the comparatively small business Russia did with this country.

Replying to a later question, Major Elliott said the amount owing by Russia to Britain was £1,066,480,000 and the amount of interest on the debt was £63,324,100.—British Wireless.

IRELAND'S TREATY VIOLATION

MR. J. H. THOMAS ON GOVERNMENT ACTION

London, Apr. 26. An important statement on the position of the Irish Free State was made in the Commons to-day by the Secretary for the Dominions, Mr. J. H. Thomas.

Replying to a question, he said that no further official communication had been received from the Government of the Irish Free State but there had been an important development of which he ought to inform the House.

The Bill introduced in the Dail last week had been published and an examination of its text showed that it was designed not merely to remove the obligation now imposed on the members of the Irish Free State Parliament to take the oath set out in the treaty but confirmed the general view of the situation expressed in his despatch to Mr. De Valera of 9th April, namely, that what was actually raised by him was "nothing less than the repudiation of the settlement of 1921 as whole."

Further asked what action the Government proposed to take, Mr. Thomas replied that he had already made it clear on behalf of the Government that they looked upon the matter as a violation of the treaty. The discussion on the Bill in the Free State Parliament confirmed that view.—British Wireless.

PRINCE VISITS TYNESIDE

MEETS CUP WINNERS TO-DAY

London, Apr. 26. The Prince of Wales, who is doing a two days' tour of the Tyneside, will to-morrow meet the winners of the English Cup at the Newcastle United football ground.

His visit is being marked by a complete absence of formality. Today, after chatting with men in the unemployed settlement at Gateshead, he visited a nursery school. While he was talking to the Matron, the children crowded round the Prince so closely that he trod on one small boy's foot. "I'm sorry," said the Prince to him. "Now you can tread on mine," and small boy solemnly did so.—British Wireless.

ALL-INDIA CRICKET TEAM

ENTERTAINED IN THE COMMONS

London, Apr. 26. A complimentary luncheon was given to members of the All-India cricket team in the House of Commons to-day, Lord Ebbisham, Vice Captain of the Lords and Commons cricket team, presiding.

Mr. Baldwin proposed the health of the guests, and the Maharaja of Prapandhar replied.—British Wireless.

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UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

New York, April 26. For the first time since 1916, the United States Steel Corporation has passed the quarterly dividend on the common stock.

The Directors have decided, however, to authorise the payment of the regular dividend of \$1.75 on the Preferred Shares.—British Wireless.

RESULTS OF THE TARIFF

50 NEW FOREIGN UNDERTAKINGS

London, Apr. 26. Questioned regarding foreign firms who are opening factories in Britain as a result of the new tariff policy, Mr. Runciman said fifty new undertakings had been set up during the last few months.

The majority were in or near London and were for the most part new business, but in a few instances they represented definite additions to existing businesses.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge League.

In the game of auction bridge it is quite true that many players preferred to bid an original no trump rather than a four-card suit unless the four-card suit was strong and contained simple honours, but in contract bridge, four-card suit bidding plays a most important part.

In our previous articles we learned that the bidding of a no trump simply indicated a hand containing distributed strength and no biddable four-card suit. While it is true that in contract we endeavour to play as many hands as possible in no trump, the reason the no trump is not bid first is because it is better to bid the four-card suits and thereby approach the best bid in the hand. If no trump is the best declaration, the bidding of the four-card suit will plug the weak spots in the hand and more safely get you into a trump declaration.

Bidding of Four-card Suits Ahead of Longer Suits.

The writer has long advocated the bidding of four-card suits ahead of five or even six-card suits, e. g., you hold the king and queen and two small diamonds and the ace and king and three small spades. The writer prefers to start the bidding with one diamond and then on the second round of bidding to show the spade suit. In this manner your partner can easily read that your hand contains four diamonds and five spades.

Under this system of bidding, the second suit shown almost always contains five or six cards. While it is quite true that in some cases you must bid two four-card suits, the majority of hands arise where the distribution is four-five.

The most important reason for bidding the four-card suit first is that while the size of the contract is small the four-card suit can be shown. When the size of the contract is increased, we show the suit containing the longer number. Often when you start off with the five-card first, the bidding becomes so high that it is impossible to show the second suit, and it may be that only in the short suit is there game.

The ideal trump distribution is to have four in your hand and find four in your partner's hand. This is a far better distribution than three in your partner's hand and five in your own. In the majority of cases, three rounds of trump will pick up all the opponents' trumps. With a five-three distribution, this would leave one hand without any trump for ruffing, but with a four-four distribution, each hand will have one trump for ruffing purposes.

Distribution is one of the most important factors in bridge, and under this system of bidding you will find that you can more easily give your partner the exact pattern of your hand than you can by bidding the long suit first.

Another advantage in bidding a four-card suit ahead of five is that if partner has support for both suits, he will allow you to play in your short suit and your long suit can then be used for valuable discards; e. g., if you held your hearts and five spades, and partner held four hearts and four spades, as you have shown both suits, partner will know the pattern of your hand. He will then allow you to play the hand at hearts so that you can use the fifth spade for a valuable discard.

Playing the hand at spades, the heart suit has no value except for the tricks that it will take itself, but playing the hand at hearts, the hearts may be used for trump, and spade suit can be quickly set, and as stated above, the long spade will allow you a valuable stuff.

VILLAGE ROAD MURDER

TRIAL OPENS AT THE CENTRAL COURT

GIRL'S EVIDENCE

The preliminary trial opened before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon of Cheng Kwok-yau, son of a wealthy Chinese family, who is charged with instigating the murder of George Fung on March 24 at Village Road, Wong-nichong.

The case for the Crown at this preliminary stage is in the hands of the Assistant Attorney General and Public Prosecutor, Mr. R. E. Lindsell. Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton represented the accused, and Mr. Peter Sin watched the case on behalf of one Edward Zimmerman, mentioned as a witness for the Crown.

After a very lengthy opening by Mr. Lindsell, the crown called Miss Lai Ming-Fay, who was with him when he was murdered.

Girl in Box.

Mr. Lindsell: I think at about the age of 16 you were for a short time a cinema actress?—Yes.

And you then joined the legitimate drama and became an actress proper?—Yes.

And as such you first came to Hongkong four years ago in company with your father and his theatrical troupe?—Yes.

How long have you known this man (accused)?—I have known him since I came to Hongkong.

On that occasion?—Yes.

How did you come to know him?

—He wrote to me and asked me to the Kam Ling Restaurant.

You alone?—With many people, including the one who introduced me to him.

He invited the troupe in fact?—Yes.

At this stage Mr. Bruton interposed and said that the accused was not able to follow the witness and thus check her evidence. The witness spoke perfect Punti. Mr. (Mr. Bruton) submitted that the witness had elected to speak in the Shanghai dialect so that the general public should not hear what she was saying. When the witness had lived with the accused they always conversed in Punti.

Accused at Disadvantage. His Worship remarked that he did not think he could compel the witness to give her evidence in any given dialect.

Mr. Bruton: How is the defendant to know what she's saying?

His Worship: We have an interpreter here (the Shanghai interpreter) and another explaining the evidence to the accused. Do you suggest that we force the lady to give her evidence in Punti?

Mr. Bruton suggested that she be questioned in the Punti dialect. It was merely so that the accused could check her evidence.

His Worship remarked that he did not see how he could do that if the witness elected to speak in another dialect.

His Worship (to witness): Are you prepared to answer questions in the Punti dialect?

Witness: I prefer to speak in the Shanghai dialect because I don't know Cantonese much and can't understand it thoroughly.

His Worship (to Mr. Bruton): What's the answer to that?

Mr. Bruton: I don't know I am sure.

His Worship: I think there's no answer.

Mr. Bruton: No, but I have doubts. I suppose we shall just have to carry on.

At Singapore.

Mr. Lindsell (resuming his examination of witness): After a visit to Canton you and your troupe moved to Singapore?—Yes.

Did accused see you off?—Yes.

Did he give you anything?—Yes.

Subsequently did he write to you?—Yes.

Lover letters or ordinary letters?

Ordinary letters.

I think at the beginning of

1929, about three years ago, the

accused followed you to Singapore?—He went to Singapore to visit me.

I say he followed you to Singapore. He went down there to visit you, the same thing. He stayed with your father for a time?—Yes.

Did you go anywhere with him?

—I went with him to Ipoh.

Anybody go with you?—A god-

slater went with us.

A sworn sister is it? I have

heard of a god-father, a god-mother and a god-son, but I have never heard of a god-sister. How long were you away?—Less than month.

Did your father agree to this trip?—He consented.

Proposal of Marriage.

On that trip did the accused make any proposal to you?—He did.

What?—He proposed marriage.

Did you accept him?—I said I should be able to tell him when I had asked permission of my father.

You accepted him subject to your father's consent? Did he give any engagement ring there during the trip?—He gave me a diamond ring.

During that trip? A diamond engagement ring?—No he gave it to me when we returned to Singapore.

Did your father consent?—My father left it to me.

He did not oppose the match any way?—No.

You appear to have taken that for consent and you accepted the engagement ring?—Yes.

Was any arrangement made as to when the marriage was to take place?—No.

Did he give you any indication as to when he might be able to marry you?—Yes. He gave me the indication that after two or three years we might be married. Then you and your father returned to Shanghai via Hongkong?—Yes.

Before he (accused) got off here did he say anything further about the marriage?—He said that this proposal was not agreed to by his own family and he would try to get permission. If he did he would go to Shanghai and see me.

Did he follow you to Shanghai?—He did.

About how long after was it?—One or two months later.

Did he bring any money with him?—He said he did but I didn't know whether he actually did.

How much did he tell you he had brought with him?—He said \$80,000.

Awaiting His Fortune.

Was marriage now mentioned again?—No.

Any reason why marriage should not be mentioned again?—His family did not agree to the marriage.

There was mention of the marriage then? Did he tell you that?—Yes.

What did he propose to do about it then?—He intended to wait for several years more until he was older and got his fortune.

Now you knew the deceased George Fung?—Yes.

When did you first come to know him?—Before, I went to Singapore several years ago.

Who did you meet first then? Fung or the accused?—I met Cheng (accused) first.

During that same visit to Hongkong with the theatrical troupe, you met Fung?—Yes.

When the accused went up to Shanghai with whom did he stay or where did he live at first?—He stayed with my father.

And you?—Yes.

For about how long?—About three or four months.

During those three or four months did you see Fung again?—I did.

Did he appear to be friends with the accused at that time?—Yes.

Did he seem to be interested in you?—No.

Ordinary Friends.

You say that he (accused) stayed with your father and you for three or four months? What happened then?—My father went to Peking.

(Continued on Page 10.)

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Although Hampstead Heath wore a somewhat gloomy face in the rainy weather, there were the usual amusements for the Easter holiday makers. A scene at Hampstead Heath.—(Times copyright).

the dime-a-dance girl

BY JOAN CLAUTON.

BEGIN HERE TODAY

CHAPTER XVII

The Rossoire ice-box was stuffed almost to the bursting point. Certainly Molly had stinted on nothing. There was pâté, there was lobster, there were two plump, yellow ducks—and duck at \$1.75 a pound. There were artichokes and avocados. There were all the things that should never have been included in a simple home dinner. But Ellen squared her jaw and flew about the heated kitchen, growing hotter and crosser each minute.

Perched at the kitchen table daintily shelling peas, Molly looked cool and comfortable and maddeningly satisfied with herself. From time to time she would hum a little tune. Then glimpsing her daughter's black face, she would halt and virtuously continue shelling the peas. Molly was convinced everything would work out for the best.

Except for decorative purposes the coloured maid was entirely useless. She did sit the table with a great flourish. She considered that with serving and washing the dishes she would have more than earned her \$5 and safe so. When Ellen, ignoring this disinclination toward real labour, suggested that she baste the ducks, the maid looked aggrieved and "allowed" she did only plain cooking.

"This is plain enough," said Ellen in exasperation. "You'll simply have to do it while my mother and I dress. Just open the oven every 10 minutes and ladle the drippings up with a spoon."

"All right, Miss, I'll do it. But you can't blame me if them ducks don't taste jest right."

"We won't," snapped Ellen. She grew cooler and more comfortable in the bedroom as she flung aside her business dress, went into the bathroom and cautiously bathed with due consideration for the fact that splashing water was audible in the living room. She returned to the bedroom and slipped into a clean,

fresh, blue linen frock. She brushed her curling hair, powdered her flushed face and found the string of amber beads that went so well with her skin. She looked all right. The sleeveless dress, cheap it was, was very kind to her slender youth.

"Ellen, honey," said her mother, entering, "will you fix my snaps, or are you still mad at me?"

Ellen's heart failed her. What was the use of anger, of threats, of reproaches? After a solemn talk, which took place as Ellen's fingers busied themselves with the snaps, Molly promised, as she had promised so often before, that there would be no more surprises. But she looked unusually sobered.

By telling her of the gossip at the store Ellen had succeeded in frightening the harum-scarum, little Irish woman.

"They're just jealous," she declared. "If I were you, I'd just tell that Mrs. Bondy that he was here for dinner tonight. That'd stop their mouths. I've half a notion to go down there and tell."

"The best thing I can do," Ellen interrupted warningly, "is what I am doing—say nothing."

"Well—maybe you're right, but I'd like to give two or three of those girls a good shaking just the same!"

Together they went into the living room. Bert was engaged in a long and technical discussion of the comparative merits of the Yankees and the Giants. If Barclay were bored, his courteous, interested air concealed the fact. He stood up quickly as Ellen and Molly appeared.

"Well, dinner is almost ready, I hope you're not all starved. Where in the world do you suppose Mike is?"

"I'll go find him," offered Myra.

The room was breathlessly hot and every one was politely dissembling interest in the sharp, delicious odour of roasting duck.

"You haven't met the pride of the family," Ellen remarked smilingly to Barclay.

"Oh yes I have. I met him in the hall," Barclay affirmed.

Ellen did not know what made her think that he looked guilty in a small-boy way, but she did think that. Could Mike have said something to him? Myra had started for the door when Ellen suddenly determined to learn what had occurred in the hall. She spoke hurriedly and definitely.

"You go wash up, Myra. I'll gather Mike in."

She was out the door and running down the stairs. When she

reached the street she saw that practically all the youngsters in the neighbourhood—and they were many—had gathered before the apartment door, almost blocking it. A few stared with wistful longing at the sleek, black limousine from which the alertly rigid chauffeur barred them. But the majority, screaming and vociferous, were peering up the lamp-lighted street.

"Have any of you seen Mike Rossoire?" she inquired, wondering just what new game they were playing.

"Sure," half a dozen voices chorused shrilly. She pieked out from the resultant confusion the information that Mike was giving Peter Rafferty a ride on his new bicycle.

Just then she saw Mike. He was strutting along proudly beside a shiny wheel, calling out caution and advice to the tow-headed youngster who was pedalling.

Ellen knew all at once why Barclay had looked so guilty. This was impossible!

"Mike Rossoire, come here this minute!" she called.

The youngsters made way for him. Peter Rafferty slid from the seat and scuttled down the street like a small, active crab.

Mike, unconscious of the calamity about to fall, carefully wheeled his new possession over the curb and up on the sidewalk. Ellen had never seen such glory as was on his transfigured face.

"Mr. Barclay gave it to me," he explained in a hushed voice, caressing with his grubby hand the shiny mud-guards.

"But, darling, we can't let you keep it," Ellen said faintly.

The blow struck. Mike's face turned red; his blue-eyes looked surprised, bewildered, confused, hurt and angry, in rapid succession.

For a moment he gazed at her in appalled silence; then burst into loud and frantic wails. So overwhelming was his grief and rage that Ellen was afraid it would result in his usual upset, stomach.

She gathered in his shaking body, conscious that the entire juvenile population of the block was watching.

"I can't do anything," Mike sobbed. "I can't have anything. I promised all the other boys a ride. Mother let me have it. I'll be so good Ellen; I'll do everything you tell me."

"But Mike—"

"My bike, my bike!"

Ellen knew she was weak and that she should be firm; she knew that once she let Mike get the upper hand her discipline would be gone. But she could not stand out against this overwhelming grief. She relented.

When Ellen and Mike, the latter's face pale and tear-stained, got the bicycle up the stairs and into the living room, the girl saw that the news had preceded them. As they made their awkward entrance, she and Myra exchanged an expressive glance. Myra, too, was troubled by Barclay's munificence. But Molly, her small jaw set in stubborn lines, carefully avoided Ellen's eye. That was not surprising. Ellen had expected no help from that quarter.



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This Meeting will be held as the Postponed Meeting of 17th April, and all conditions (Handicaps, etc.) will hold as applicable to this Meeting as if it had been held on the 17th April, 1932.

The Two Dollars Cash Sweeps sold for the 6th Race on 8th May 1932, will be drawn on the 5th Race of this Meeting.

By order of the Stewards,
W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th April, 1932.

CONCERT.

China Light & Power Recreation Club, King's Park Enclosure, Band of H.M.S. "CORNWALL" and several well known local artists. Saturday 30th April at 9.00 p.m. Admission \$1.10 (including tax).

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Fifth EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 30th April, 1932, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.15 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

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On No Pretense will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

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PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 including Tax for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, &c., will be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting. Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,
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Hongkong, 26th April, 1932.

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The mashed, running adjacent to the nullah, has been used for some time as a stable for the ponies used by the Royal Air Force Officers for polo. A Kai Tak motor bus driver first noticed the flames about 9.10 p.m., and immediately gave the alarm. Members of the Air Force assisted the mafous in releasing the animals and the aerodrome fire tender and Mr. A. J. R. Moss, aerodrome superintendent, were soon on the scene. None of the ponies was injured.

Appliances from Mongkok and Tsimshatsui were summoned and had the outbreak well under control within half an hour, although there was no chance of saving the mashed from complete destruction.

None of the other buildings on the aerodrome was damaged nor in danger at any time, for although flying sparks might have carried on the flames, the wind was blowing in the other direction.

No reason can be found for the outbreak, it is understood. In December an outbreak which destroyed two hangars was attributed to an electric fusing, but this cause could not have been responsible for last night's outbreak as the electricity had been cut off from the stables.

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SHANGHAI PEACE PROSPECTS

CONFERENCE TO BE RESUMED

Shanghai, Apr. 26.

It is learned that the Sino-Japanese armistice conference will be resumed as soon as the Committee of Nineteen at Geneva passes the resolution embodying the amendment to Clause 11, which the Japanese refused to accept in its original form.

In the meantime, the drafting committee, consisting of Chinese Japanese and British representatives will meet to-morrow morning to revise the wording and put the final touches to the draft agreement reached at the recent armistice parley at Shanghai.

However, it is pointed out that this meeting, if it takes place will be considered apart and distinct from the recently suspended armistice negotiations.

While strict secrecy is being observed in regard to Sir Miles Lampson's compromise formula, it is reported that he has suggested that the Shanghai mixed Commission should not determine the date for the completion of the Japanese withdrawal, but should act in purely an advisory capacity. His proposal, it is stated, is that the Commission should confine itself to advising the Japanese military authorities when, in its opinion, normal conditions enabling withdrawal have been re-established.—Reuter.

Chinese Statement.

Shanghai, Apr. 26. While refusing to divulge the details of Sir Miles Lampson's formula for solving the Sino-Japanese deadlock, Mr. Quo Tai-chi stated that the formula suggested a revision of Article 11 of the Draft Resolution of the Assembly Commission, and it has, according to Mr. Quo Tai-chi, been already accepted by the Chinese Government.

He stated that the resumption of negotiations depends on the outcome of to-day's meeting of the Assembly Commission of Nineteen, and that the arrival of the Ministers was no indication that the negotiations would be renewed immediately.—Reuter.

CHURCH NOTICE.

A Russian Orthodox Priest is conducting services at the St. Andrews Church Hall Nathan Road, Kowloon. Those Russians

who wish to attend will please note the following times of services. Wednesday 7 p.m. Confession: Thursday 7.30 a.m. High Mass and Holy Communion. Thursday 6.30 p.m. Reading on Lord's Sufferings (Twelve Evangelists). Other Services will be announced at the Church. The Church Hall is used by kind permission of Rev. W. W. Rogers Vicar St. Andrews Church.

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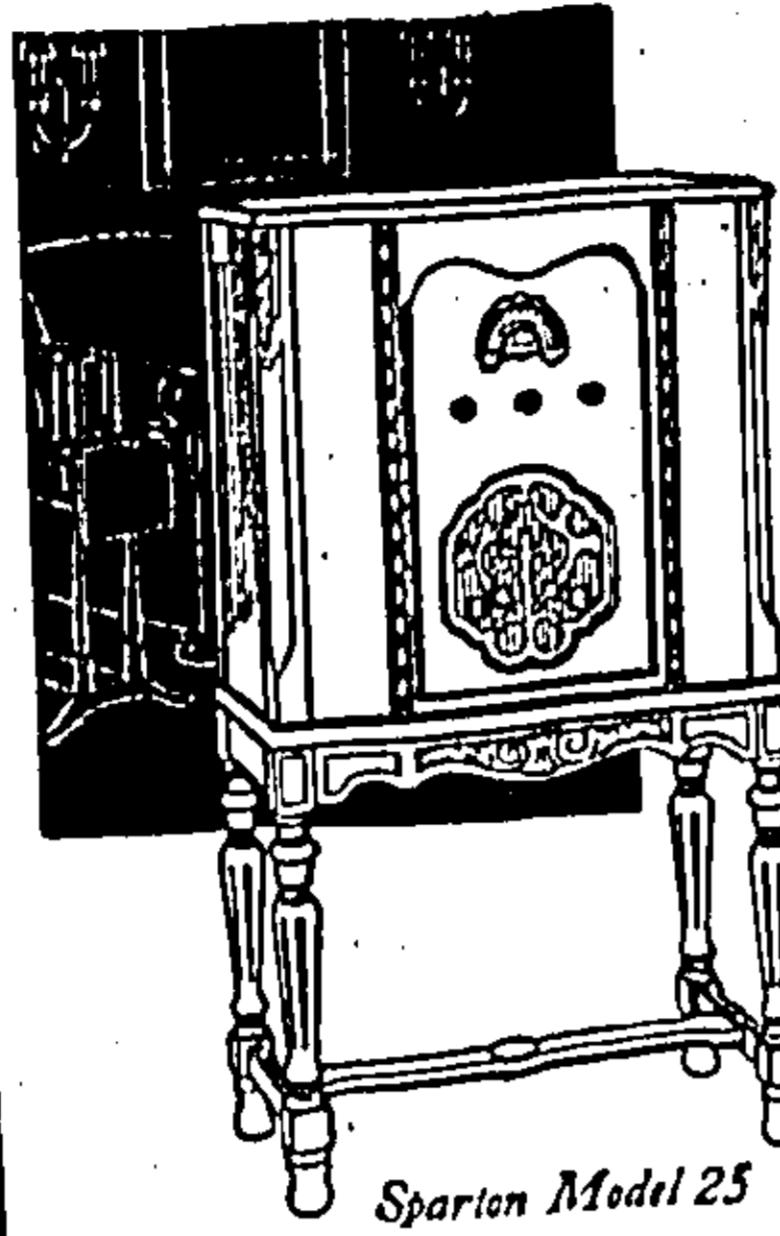
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suffers from a lack of clear-cut policies other than domestic or external issues. There are many questions on which Liberalism has to make up its mind. Included in these are the colossal expenditure on armaments, world monetary problems, trade barriers (which everybody condemns, but nobody abolishes), the paradox of over-production and the increasing capacity for production, which is in contradistinction to consumption and diminishing power of purchase. How does Liberal philosophy react to these issues? True, many of these matters are outside the sole determination of any one country, but they have to be faced, none the less. There is nowadays no more discredited epigram than that of "splendid isolation," for every nation depends upon others for its existence, and any attempt by one nation to solve these large issues must react on the politics and policies of other countries. What Liberals, in common with other parties, have to do, is to decide on their contribution to the general solution of these problems.

Of particular concern to the Liberal Party is the question of tariffs. Is Protection in England to be temporary or permanent? Mr. Chamberlain says the latter: Mr. Runciman would appear to incline to the other view. Another issue is the kind of taxation which the country needs to prevent Budget deficits—whether it is a maintenance of direct or an increase of indirect taxation. And then there is the point whether it is economically wise to spend vast sums upon public works which in their nature may not be remunerative, but which afford work and prevent the demoralising effects of the "dole." These are some of the matters on which Liberalism has to come out into the open if it expects to retain a place in the British political system. Unfortunately, there is no evidence at the moment of anything approaching unity of thought on these and other vitally important matters. It remains to be seen whether the now somnolent Party can be galvanised into fresh life and stage a new "come-back". We very much doubt it.

Killing for Sport.

Of late a growing section of public opinion in England has become increasingly hostile to hunting, shooting, and kindred so-called sports; but the numerous attacks which have been launched against them have provoked singularly little response. Particularly few and feeble have been the replies to the allegations of cruelty brought against stag hunting. There are, however, two exceptions to be noted to this general silence among the devotees of hunting. The first is "The Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man," which Siegfried Sassoon published anonymously. Mr. Sassoon is too fastidious a writer to make his book a polemic on hunting; he defends hunting only by description and implication, as is the manner of an artist. "The Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man" is indeed a very beautiful book; it is full of the atmosphere of the leisurely southern English countryside. But it does not owe its beauty to the hunting scenes it contains; rather does its value lie in its pictures of such things as Mr. Sassoon's slow walk home many years ago in the gathering twilight of a winter evening by the side of his horse Harkaway; or the cricket match between the teams of rival villages; or a country Sunday morning, with church bells ringing in the distance, and the local Anglo-Indian colonel reading from Isaiah. The book would have lost little or nothing had hunting never been mentioned. Clive Bell's radiocast speech on "The Morality of Grouse Shooting" was a definitely controversial affair. It was interesting, but not convincing. He admitted that killing was an essential part of the supposed enjoyment of grouse shooting, and that it produced an undesirable mental condition. But in answer he asserted that often when we feel at our noblest we are really in a bad mental state. Often, for example, our supposed virtue may be only self-righteousness. This is true enough, but it merely means that we sometimes think ourselves virtuous when we are not. It does not in the least mean, as Mr. Bell seems to think it does, that there are no occupations that produce desirable conditions of

DAY BY DAY

DO NOT SURRENDER YOURSELF TO THE TASTE YOU SAY YOU HAVE FOR THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE. IT IS ONLY AN INDEPENDENCE OF THE SOUL.—Rousseau.

The Ben Ling S.S. Benreoch, from Homo ports via Straits and Manila, is due here on May 14th.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central over the Pacific to the South-east of Tokyo. Local forecast:—East winds moderate; cloudy, some fog or mist.

On the occasion of the birthday of H.I.M. the Emperor, the Japanese Consul General and Mrs. Yoshida are holding a reception at their residence, 7A, Conduit Road, on Friday, from 12.45 to 1.30 p.m.

The manager of the firm of Schmidt & Co., of Gloucester Building, reported to the police yesterday that sometime between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. some person stole from the shop a pair of binoculars valued at \$300.

In connexion with the celebration of the Russian Easter services are to be held at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, this week, by a Russian priest. The morning services commence at 8 a.m. and the evening services at 7 p.m.

The work of demolition of Sansom Building, at the corner of Ice House Street and Des Voeux Road, has already begun. When the work has been completed a new building will be erected, which will be occupied by the National Commercial & Savings Bank, Limited.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

ENJOYABLE SOCIAL EVENING

The closing social of the winter season of the Young People's Society of Kowloon Union Church was held in the hall last night when a most enjoyable time was spent by the large number present.

The Rev. Dr. E.I. Allen and Mrs. Allen, and members of the Society were hosts to the gathering which included 25 Chinese Christians from various Churches in Hongkong, these being introduced by the Rev. Frank Short and Mrs. Sharl. Other guests included young people from Ying Wah College, Ying Wah Girls' School, and a number of service men attended by special invitation.

Miss Wong Yuet-lan opened the evening with a pianoforte solo and she played several times during the social. Happy games were played and those present indulged in hearty community singing.

During the evening, Dr. Allen extended a warm welcome to the guests and expressed the hope that they had enjoyed themselves.

The organisation was in the hands of the Young People's Society Social Committee.

thought. It is consequently of great importance in this matter that grouse shooting is not one of them. If these two replies represent all that can be said in behalf of killing for sport, the conclusion seems inevitable that hunting for pleasure is decided on the defensive before the bar of public opinion.

WHEN YOUR CHILD KNOWS BETTER THAN YOU

By DR. MARIA MONTESSORI, M.D., D. LITT.

If a foolish mother frog said to her little tadpoles in the pool, "Come out of the water, breathe the fresh air, enjoy yourselves in the young grass, and you will all grow strong healthy little frogs. Come along now, mother knows best!" and the little tadpoles tried to obey, it would certainly mean the end of the tadpoles.

And yet that is how so many of us are trying to bring up our children. We are anxious that they shall grow into intelligent, useful citizens, with fine characters and good manners. And so we spend our time and patience correcting them, telling them to do this, not to do that, and when they want to know, "Why mummy?" we don't stop to find out why we interfere, but put them off with "Mother knows best."

We are in exactly the same position as the foolish frog if only we could see it. This little life that we are trying to mould needs no forcing and squeezing, no correcting or fault finding to develop its intelligence and character. Nature looks after children in the same way as she sees that the tadpole grows into a frog when the time is ready.

"But," I can hear you say, "shall we leave our children to do as they like? How can they know what is best for them when they have had no experience? And think what little savages they would grow up to be if we did not teach them manners . . ."

And I would answer, "Have you ever given your children a chance even for one day of doing what they like without interference?"

Try it and you will be astonished. Watch and see how something catches their interest. Perhaps they see you turn a key in the lock and want to do it too, or help you sweep, or just make some funny little pattern with pebbles on your tidy floor, and on any ordinary day you would say, "Don't get in the way, play with your toys."

But today give them the key, try to find a little brush for them to sweep with, leave the pattern on the floor and see how absorbed they become. It is often not enough for children to do a thing once or twice, but they will perform the same simple action over and over again until they seem to have satisfied some inner urge. You will be surprised how they keep out of mischief when they are allowed to busy themselves with something that really interests them.

But if you interfere impatiently and stop some absorbing occupation, you will destroy your child's concentration and perseverance—valuable lessons he is teaching himself—he will be dissatisfied, and filled with a sense of disappointment and restlessness, and will very likely find an outlet in deliberate mischief.

And what is this troublesome ness that we are so afraid of if we do not correct little children? We say that we correct them for their own good, and a great deal of the time we honestly believe it. But it is strange how often what we feel to be their good amounts to the same thing as our own comfort. We are all so busy with our growing-up, froggy work that we forget that the little tadpoles have work of their own to do—the work of growing into men and women.

And this is work which only they can do. The greatest help we can give them is to stand by and see that they are free to develop in their own way. We can on the other hand make their work very hard. If we persist in saying "Mother knows best" and try to form their growing intellects and characters by our own standards, we shall only succeed in destroying self-discipline, we shall break the child's power of concentration by trying to fix his attention on matters which he is not yet interested in, and he will grow deceitful if we insist too harshly.

But if we change our whole attitude and say to ourselves, "Baby knows what is best for him." Let us of course watch that he comes to no harm, but instead of trying to teach him our ways let us give him freedom to live his own little life in his own way," then perhaps we shall learn something about the ways of childhood if we are observant.

This a new way to look at the problem of responsibility which weighs so heavily on many parents. Those of us who have tried to learn the ways of childhood from children (instead of from our own ideas) have been amazed at the discoveries we have made. And there is one point on which we all agree—children live in a world of their own interests, and the work they do there must be respected, for though many childish activities may seem pointless to grown-ups, nature is using them for her own ends. She is building mind and character as well as bone and muscle.

The greatest help you can give your children is freedom to go about their own work in their own way, for in this matter your child knows better than you.

LOVE AND LET LOVE

By HELEN ROSE.

Meddling is a weapon of the middle-aged. Young people usually leave one another's affairs alone. They love, and let love. But parents too often are apt to be critical when the family comes to the love affair stage.

Of course, parents have every right to warn a son or daughter against a really undesirable marriage, but a great many of them are hostile to their children's sweethearts, just because they don't like them.

It must be confessed that the newcomers are often on the defensive. They are running the family gauntlet, and the family are often hard hitters! Quite probably they have been warned in advance that "mother may be pretty sniffy."

It is a pity for mothers and fathers to alienate their children in this way. Mother simply doesn't count when a boy is in love, and father doesn't exist beside a girl's young man. This may seem cruel, but it's nature. Parents have to take a back seat eventually. They should try to remember their own youth, and the hostile criticism that they probably endured from their own parents. To remember to forgive.

Fathers and mothers cannot expect their children to choose the sort of sweetheart that they would themselves. A dull dog in a good position may be better match for Mabel than a gay dog in a poor one. The stolid young woman who can cook may make a far better wife for Johnny than the darling little bit of fluff that can't. There's no incentive like opposition, and nothing drives a young couple into each other's arms more than a parent's stick. Sons and daughters are often accused of being rude and defiant, of never being at home if they can help it. In nine cases out of ten it is the result of antagonism in love affairs. It is far wiser of parents to pretend to like their children's sweethearts, even if they don't. If they make them welcome, and give them the run of the house, one of two things will happen. Either young people will get tired of each other or the family will become quite united.

Nothing drives a child farther from its parents than unfair disapprobation of a sweetheart. Nothing makes for more bitterness between them. Home ties count for little when they're making ties of their own.

Besides, this interference and hostility don't do a bit of good. No boy ever gave up his sweetheart because his mother disapproved of her, and no girl loved a man less because her father didn't like his looks.

No. It's always better to accept the inevitable gracefully. Parents will gain respect instead of losing it.

HELEN ROSE.



"We could have been to work on time this morning, if you hadn't insisted on boiled eggs instead of scrambled."

PUBLIC MONEY VOTES**\$385,000 LOSS ON EXCHANGE****BROADCAST STUDIO**

Nine votes totalling \$614,058 are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at its meeting to-morrow.

The biggest sum is \$385,962 loss on exchange. It is explained that the loss on exchange for 1931 amounted to \$385,961.21. Of this sum \$200,722 was due to the reduced dollar value of sterling securities owing to the rise in exchange during the year. The balance of \$185,240 is the loss incurred owing to the rise in the dollar on our short term investments in the Joint Colonial Fund and to other minor adjustments. In 1930 it will be recollected that owing to the heavy fall in the dollar the sum of \$1,480,590 was earned to revenue.

Securities and Stocks.

A sum of \$144,986 is required for depreciation of sterling securities. It is explained that the cost price of the Trustee Stock held on account of the surplus funds was £104,096.13.10. The market value as at 31st December, 1931, was £94,091.4.1, the depreciation at that date being therefore £10,005.9 which at \$1=1/4.9/16 amounts to \$144,985.18 and has to be written off. A vote for this sum is necessary.

A further sum of \$6,708 is required for loss on sale of stock. Of the holding of £20,000 nominal value of Newcastle Corporation 1945/55, 4½% stock for which £19,200 was paid for account of surplus balances, the Crown Agents for the Colonies sold one half realising £9,137.2.0, a loss of £462.18.0 which at 1/4.9/16 is \$6,707.68. The £9,137.2.0 was re-invested in December, 1931, in London County Council 1945/55, 4½% stock at a face value of £10,137.14.0. There has therefore been a slight increase in the nominal value and the yearly interest will also be slightly more.

A vote is requested to cover the difference between the original price and the sale price.

Sino-Japanese Conflict.

\$10,000 is required to meet expenses in connexion with the Sino-Japanese conflict, owing to the necessity for maintaining special precautions in the Colony. The sum covers pay for Police Reserves, cost of buses standing by during the Chinese New Year festivities, and board and lodging for members of a contingent of Sailors' Hospital Branch for protection of rice-sellers' shops.

A further vote is for \$48,000 for the purchase of No. 525, The Peak, for use as senior officers' quarters. This includes \$2,000 for fittings.

New Studio.

Another item is \$4,513 for the rent of Broadcasting Studio. It is explained that owing to the unsuitability of the Post Office Building for broadcasting it was decided to remove the studio to the 2nd floor (Island site) of the Gloucester Building. The above sum represents the rent of the premises from 16th March to 31st December, 1932, at \$475 per month. The rooms vacated in Post Office Building will relieve over crowding in the Radio Department and provide accommodation for the new Infant Welfare Officer.

\$2,800 is asked for the purchase of a motor van for the use of the Police Reserve Emergency Unit. It has been the practice in the past to hire buses (which are unsuitable and expensive to hire) for the conveyance of Police Reserves. As the Reserves are one of the first of the auxiliary forces to be called out in the event of any local disturbance it is considered that a suitable van permanently attached to the unit would greatly increase its efficiency.

GLoucester BLDG. THEFT**POCKET-BOOK TAKEN FROM COAT**

A pocket book belonging to Mr. Ragoon, of the Venner Shoe Shop, Gloucester Building, was stolen by a would-be customer yesterday when the man, together with another, entered the shop under the pretext of making a purchase.

The thief was brought before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court this morning and sentenced to four months' hard labour, it being stated that he had two previous convictions against him.

According to Inspector F. Shatkin, the defendant and another man went to the shop and intimated that they desire to purchase a pair of shoes. The articles were

BRAILOWSKY ON FRIDAY**HONGKONG TREAT ASSURED**

"All the world's a stage" to Alexander Brailowsky, whose career keeps him constantly vibrating between the continents. Every season since 1924 has found him in the United States for four months. The rest of the year is divided between Europe and other parts of the globe.

For instance in the spring of 1929, following his American tour, the Russian pianist left for Australia, where he gave ten concerts in Sydney, five in Adelaide, four in Perth, and ten in New Zealand. From Australia he returned to Europe, where he was engaged for all the important cities of Germany, France, England, Spain, and the Scandinavian countries as well as for appearances in Egypt. Just before coming back to the United States (January, 1930) he gave a cycle of six consecutive recitals in Paris, in the course of which he played the entire works of Chopin. The hall of the Conservatory was packed to suffocation and each recital was prolonged to midnight with extra numbers.

In America last season he played as many concerts as he could fill, including six appearances with the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, travelling as usual from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast. Last April he left for Cuba, Mexico, and for his fourth tour of South America, where he played fifty concerts.

Brailowsky's travel began when he was very young. At the age of eleven he left Russia to study with Leschetizky in Vienna. Only a few years later he commenced to tour Europe. During the war he made his headquarters in Switzerland. After the peace Paris became his home and Europe his concert ground. His first visit to the United States was in 1924; his initial tour of South America the following year.

Brailowsky gives one recital in Hongkong on Friday at 9.30 p.m. at the King's Theatre.

BAND CONCERT**ATTRACTIVE EVENT FOR KOWLOON**

As announced in an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue, the China Light & Power Recreation Club are holding a concert at their premises at King's Park, Kowloon, on Saturday at 9 p.m. This will, in the main, take the form of a band concert, the band of H.M.S. Cornwall having been engaged for the occasion. Mrs. Fleming, Messrs. Sweet, Li Chor-chi, J. Braza, W. R. Fleming and others have also kindly volunteered to contribute to the programme.

The public will recall the series of band concerts during the summers of 1924 and 1930, when large numbers attended in the cool of the evening to listen to the military bands, arranged for by the Kowloon Residents' Association. This year, owing to the fact that the financial position of the Colony does not permit the Government co-operating with the Kowloon Residents' Association in this respect, the Committee of the China Light and Power Recreation Club feel that, given a reasonable amount of support by the public, they can provide a similar entertainment for the residents of this Colony, although at the moment they are not in a position to be able to do so on such a large scale. At the same time they are confident that it can be made a success and become a regular feature of entertainment during the summer months.

If possible, the concert will be held in the open air, but in the event of unfavourable weather conditions prevailing, it will take place in the new pavilion, which is capable of accommodating a large number of people.

Tickets will be on sale from members and at the door, price \$1.10 including tax, and it is the Club's intention to devote a proportion of the proceeds, after deduction of expenses, to charity.

Dr. Rugg, Professor in Columbia University, who is doing research work in the Far East, will give a lecture on "Our Changing Civilization and the New Education" to the Education Society, Hongkong, University to-morrow at 5 p.m. in the H. K. U. Union Assembly Hall. The lecture is open to the public.

produced and whilst the attention of the shopkeeper was temporarily taken up elsewhere, the defendant was seen to extract the pocket book from a coat which was hanging up. When he realised he had been seen, he dropped the book on the floor.

The defendant admitted larceny but denied that he had taken the book out of the coat pocket. He said that he had picked it up from the floor.

According to Inspector F. Shatkin, the defendant and another man went to the shop and intimated that they desire to purchase a pair of shoes. The articles were

ROUND THE WORLD TOURISTS**PUSHING A WHEEL-BARROW****ADVENTURERS IN HONGKONG**

Three young men who have embarked upon the enterprise of travelling round the world pushing a wheelbarrow, arrived in Hongkong this morning from Amoy.

The adventurers, Mr. A. Besden (American), Mr. J. Shelestian and Mr. J. Borovsky (Russian) originally intended to make the journey walking eastwards, but on reaching Shanghai, they found the Sino-Japanese hostilities in progress and were turned back.

On their return to Shanghai (their original starting-point), they again found hostilities in progress and as members of the S.V.C. did duty until the fighting had ceased.

They had travelled over 2,000 kilometres pushing their wheelbarrow and decided not to give up the trip, but resumed, this time journeying southward. On reaching Amoy, fighting between Communists and the government forces led to instructions that they must not continue their cross-country trek, and boat was taken for Hongkong, where they arrived today. They are going to Canton, still pushing their wheelbarrow, after which they will return to Hongkong to proceed to Manila. Java will be the next point of call, after which they will travel through the Malayan Peninsula, India, and across Europe.

They hope to complete their travels in from three and a half to four years.

GROWTH OF THE Y.M.C.A.**LOCAL ROTARIAN'S ADDRESS**

The growth and expansion of the Y.M.C.A. movement, from its inception in the year 1844 in London to the present-day worldwide activities, was dealt with by Rotarian J. L. McPherson in an address which he delivered at yesterday's meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club, held at Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant under the Chairmanship of Sir William Hornell.

In particular, the speaker told of the work done in China in the field of promoting sport, health and mass general education. He refuted the allegation, sometimes made, that the Y. M. C. A. was Communistic and, replying to a criticism that it had lost its "C", said, "If what makes an institution Christian is a deep regard for human life, an unflinching insistence on its worth, an unchanging purpose and unfolding plan to give every man and boy a real chance to attain his potentialities, body, mind, and spirit, to afford the fullest opportunity to participate in the enlightenments and satisfactions of life—all this in the spirit of service—I maintain the "C" is still there."

The Chairman welcomed Rotarian G. W. Greene of Canton Rotary Club, and Rotarian W. Yin-son Lee, of Shanghai, as visitors; also two non-Rotarian guests, Mr. E. W. Gran, of Shanghai, and Mr. Ma Man-fai of the Sincere Company, Hongkong.

He also announced and welcomed two new members, Mr. C. W. Jeffries, of the Royal Observatory, and Mr. M. J. B. Montargis, remarking that Mon. Montargis was the first French member of the Club.

JAPAN'S REVENUE**BIG DEFICIT DISCLOSED IN LATEST RETURN**

Tokyo, Apr. 26.—According to an investigation made by the Department of Finance into the actual revenue for the fiscal year, Japanese expenditure far exceeds the revenue for the first two months of this year.

The revenue amounts to Yen 560,560,000 an against an expenditure of Yen 1,081,010,000, leaving a deficit of Yen 230,950,000.—*Reuter Morning Post Special.*

PRICE OF PETROL.**INCREASED BY 15 CENTS AS FROM TO-DAY**

We understand that all the companies selling petrol in Hongkong have raised the price by 15 cents a gallon, as from to-day, making the cost \$1.20 a gallon.

Cane oil is also up in price, by \$1.25 a case.

FIRE DANGERS STRESSED**METHYLATED SPIRIT STORAGE**

The danger from inflammable liquid being stored in a congested area, which has been painfully illustrated by past outbreaks, was stressed by the Fire Brigade authorities when, at their instance, a shopkeeper, Ng Kwong-bing, of 9, Tung Man Street, was summoned before Mr. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy to-day, the charge being one of storing 106 gallons of methylated spirits of wine without a permit. A plea of "guilty" was returned.

For the Fire Brigade authorities, Mr. J. C. Fitz Henry, Acting Superintendent of the Brigade, stated that during a visit on April 16, he found some of the tins stored in the shop, while others were kept for retail purposes in small smithy opposite. He was informed that a licensee was lacking.

He brought the case from the point of view that Tung Man Street was in a congested district and inaccessible to fire appliances, although houses could be laid from Queen's Road or Des Voeux Road, between which two thoroughfares the lane lies.

The spirits in question had a low flash point below 70 deg. Fahr. and the proximity of a fire would not half-distill it that it could ignite without the application of a flame.

In answer to a query by the Magistrate, Mr. Fitz Henry said the difficulties detailed would not necessarily entail refusal if an application for a licence were made, provided that certain requirements regarding safety in storage, such as preventing the liquid from flowing out, were complied with. He mentioned that the fee for such a licence was \$10 for a quantity under 500 gallons. His Worship imposed a fine of \$50.

Another shopkeeper, who was similarly summoned in respect of a smaller quantity of spirits of wine, was fined \$25.

THE PRUSSIAN CABINET.**EXPECTED TO RESIGN AS RESULT OF ELECTION**

Berlin, Apr. 26.—The term of office of the present Prussian Cabinet expires on the 20th. of next month and in view of the result of the elections, it is anticipated that it will resign rather than face a motion of no confidence.

Even then, however, it must carry on until the new Cabinet is formed. In consequence of the difficulty of getting a new Minister about it is quite probable that Herr Otto Braun, the Premier and Herr Severing, Minister of the Interior, will continue to rule Prussia for some time yet, as the heads of the provisional Government.

It is not likely to be known until June, when the Diet meets, whether the Nazis are able to count on sufficient assistance to get into power.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

POULTRY ON SHOW.**FINE DISPLAY FOR EMPIRE PRODUCTS FAIR**

There is promise of a very fine display of poultry at the Empire Products Fair, to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on May 23 and 24. As at present planned, there will be available approximately thirty coops, each measuring two feet, by two feet, by two feet six inches high. Already applications have been received for some fifteen coops. These have been reserved, and in them such breeds as S. C. White Leghorns, Plymouth Rocks (barred), Orpingtons, Minorcas and Rhode Island Reds will be shown.

Apart from the birds, there will be offered for sale new-laid eggs, hatching eggs, feeding troughs, water fountains and an assortment of specialised poultry food.

Mrs. R. M. Dyer (608, The Peak) and Mr. J. A. S. Alves (c/o Messrs. Hughes and Hough) were elected a sub-committee at the last meeting of the Fair Committee to organise and take charge of the poultry section. They will be very willing to assist intending exhibitors with advice and any other information.

Conditions Drawn Up.

The following provisional conditions have been drawn up for information and guidance of intending exhibitors:

1. There will be no entrance fee, and no competition.

2. All birds intended for exhibit will be examined before they will be allowed to be shown. Birds with the slightest sign of sickness will be rejected.

3. Birds must reach the Peninsula Hotel not later than 11 a.m. on Monday, the 23rd May, accompanied by a note stating clearly

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6.00-8.20 p.m. Children's Concert.
7.00-10.30 p.m. European Programme of Victor Records.

7.00 p.m. Mail Notice, etc.
7.03-7.45 p.m. Variety.

Orchestra-Turkey in the Straw.

Orchestra-The Irish Washerwoman.

Victor Concert Orchestra. 22131.

Song-Nightingale Song.

Della Baker (Soprano).

Vocal Duet-Love is the Mocking Bird. Alice Green and Raymond Dixon. 19880.

Song-Let me be Your Side Track.

Songs-Rodgers' Puzzle Record.

Jimmy Rodgers. 20021.

Clarinet Solo-Riverside Stomp.

Douglas Williams. V-38031.

Song-Behind the Clouds.

Gene Austin (Tenor).

Chorus-Just Around the Corner.

The Revelers. 19068.

Organ Solo-Always.

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Jeze Crawford. 20000.

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FRIENDLY HOCKEY

MAMAK SHIELD WINNERS BEATEN

On the Radio Ground at Carillon Hill yesterday, the Radio Sports Club, winners of the Mamak Shield, were beaten by H.M. S. Veteran in a very fast and even encounter. There was very little to choose between the two teams. The Veteran men put up a stout defence against a fast forward line, the goalie and left back being prominent in some excellent saves, whilst their centre-forward played a dashing game, scoring on no fewer than three occasions. The other goal was scored by the outside left.

For the Radio, Hanib at centre-half did well to cover the opposing centre-forward, whilst G. Singh and K. Singh also played well. The former scored twice and the latter once. At the final whistle, the Veteran were leading by four goals to three and deserved their victory.

A return match between these teams will be played on Friday, at 5.10 p.m. on the same ground. The following have been selected to represent the Radio:—A Sparry; P. Singh, J. Singh; Hanib, G. Jack, M. Singh; S. Singh, J. T. K. Gilchrist, K. Singh, and F. A. Kemp. Reserves: J. Singh and Atta Singh.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE.

FORTHCOMING CONCERT AT THE HELENA MAY

Encouraged by the success of the "At Home" held last year, the local branch of the Overseas League have decided to venture a little further afield in the way of entertainment, and on May 6 the committee of the League have arranged for a variety entertainment to be held at the Helena May Institute.

The programme will consist of vocal and instrumental items, dancing displays, and two one-act plays. An attractive feature of this special entertainment is the fact that the artistes appearing one or two have not yet been heard by local audiences.

Although the evening has been specially arranged for Overseas League members, it is also open to the public, and tickets can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the League at the Helena May Institute.

The Overseas League, one of the best known British institutions, is doing extremely useful work in helping to keep alive the splendid traditions of the country, and the local branch in a small measure are helping the main body in this work. It is therefore hoped that their efforts in arranging the entertainment will receive wholehearted support.

EXCHANGE RATES.

| | Previous Day | Yesterday |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Paris | .93% | 92% |
| | 12.15/10 | 18.75 |
| Geneva | 15.50 | 15.30 |
| Berlin | 20.10 | 19.13/16 |
| Oslo | 215 | 215 |
| Helsingfors | 390 | 200 |
| Athens | 39% | 36% |
| Buenos Aires | 1/8.1/16 | 1/8.13/32 |
| Shanghai | 3.68 | 3.64 |
| New York | 8.07% | 8.07% |
| Amsterdam | 9.08 | 9.22 |
| Vienna | 92 | 92 |
| Madrid | 47.5/16 | 46.9/16 |
| Bucharest | 615 | 612 3/4 |
| Hongkong | 1/3.4/16 | 1/3.6/16 |
| Brussels | 26.20 | 25.95 |
| Milan | 71% | 70% |
| Stockholm | 20.20 | 19.95 |
| Copenhagen | 18.25 | 18.05 |
| Prague | 12.3/4 | 12.21 1/4 |
| Lisbon | 110 | 110 |
| Rio | 4% | 4% |
| Bombay | 1/5.15/16 | 1/5.15/16 |
| Yokohama | 1/8.15/16 | 1/9.3/11 |
| Montevideo | 30 | 30 |
| Montreal | 4.10% | 4.06 |
| Silver (spot) | 17 | 17 |
| " (forward) | 17.1/16 | 17.1/16 |
| | British Wireless | |



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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

On the resumption of business after the Settlement markets did not open promisingly this morning, and, although quotations remain unchanged, generally no interest was shown in either the investment or the speculative sections.

Sales

Hongkong Banks \$1500
Hotels (Cum. Rights) \$13.20
China Lights (Old) \$21.30
Buyers
Douglas \$27
Benguet Explorations 30 cents.
Providents (Old) \$4.85
Providents (New) \$2.30
Hotels (Cum. Rights) \$13.15
Hongkong Lands \$70
Hongkong Realties \$11 1/2
Chinese Estates \$90 1/2
Yaumati Estates \$10
China Lights (Old) \$21
Hongkong Electric \$73 1/4
Macao Electric \$21
Cements (Combined) \$18.70
Constructions (Old) \$6.60
Constructions (New) \$13
Govt. Loans 4% Premium.
Sellers
South China Motors "B" \$12
Hongkong Trams \$22 1/2
S. C. Enterprises \$9

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminals.

August 1932 4/9 1/4 up 1/4d.
December 1932 5/1 1/4 up 1/4d.
March 1933 5/4 1/4 up 1/4d.
May 1933 5/6 1/4 down 1/4d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking 1/4d-1/4d more.

New York Terminals

May 1932 .60 no change.
July 1932 .68 down 1 pt.
September 1932 .78 no change.
December 1932 .82 down 2 pts.
March 1933 .89 down 3 pts.

INTERPORT TEAM

CRICKET PLAYERS FOR SHANGHAI CHOSEN

The interport cricket team for the forthcoming contest against Shanghai has been selected. The team sails on the President Jefferson on May 14. The following have been chosen to represent Hongkong:
Capt. E. J. R. Mitchell (H.K.C.C.), Capt. G. R. Sayce (Civil Service C.C.), Capt. J. E. Richardson (Civil Service), Lieut. A. C. Hamilton (S.W.B.), A. C. Beck (Hongkong C.C.), G. C. Burnett (Kowloon C.C.), E. F. Flincher (Kowloon C.C.), P. Madar (Kowloon C.C.), A. H. Madar (Indian R.C.), A. R. Minz (Indian R.C.), W. Patterson (Craignegowen C.C.).

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks
Hongkong Banks \$1500 ea.
Chartered Banks \$21 n.
Mercantile Banks, \$18 1/2 n.
East Asia, \$15 b.
Am. O. Finance Corp., \$29 n.

Insurances
Canton Ins., \$1250 n.
Union Ins., \$400 n.
China Underwriters, \$4 n.
China Fires, \$500 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,195 n.

Shipping
Douglas, \$27 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$23 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$92 n.
Union Waterboats, \$19 1/2 n.

Mining
Benguet, \$15 1/4 b.
Kailan, 23/9 n.
Sh'l Explorations, Tls. 2.10 n.
Raubs, \$38 b.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$141 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$20 1/2 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providents (old), \$4.65 b.
Hongkew, Tls. 220 n.
New Engineers Tls. 5 1/2 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 88 1/2 n.

Cottons
Two Cottons, Tls. 15 n.
Shanghai Cotton, Tls. 75 n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 10 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. K. Hotels, \$13.15 b. Cum Rts.
H. K. Hotels Rights, \$2.40 n.
H. K. Lands, \$76 b.
Metro Lands \$10 n.
Sh'l Lands, Tls. 24 n.
Humphreys, \$16.50 n.
Realties, \$11.40 b.
Asia Realties "A", \$160 n.
Asia Realties "B" \$23 n.
China Estates, \$96 1/2 b.
Benguet Exp. 29 cts. b.

Public Utilities

Tramways, \$22.50 s.
Peak Trams, (old), \$15.50 n.
Star Ferries, \$90 n.
China Lights, \$21 b.
H. K. Electric, \$73 1/4 b.
Macao Electric, \$21 b.
Telephones, \$33 1/2 n.
China Buses, Tls. 16 n.
Singapore Tractions, 3/- n.

Industrials

Malabons, \$21 n.
Canton Ices, \$5.05 n.
Cements (com.), \$18.70 b.
Ropes, \$14.10 n.
Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$28 n.
Watsons, \$15 n.
Watson's Rights, \$3 1/2 n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$5.90 n.
Mackintosh, \$20 1/2 n.
Sinceres, \$17 1/2 n.
Powells, \$3.65 n.

Miscellaneous

Amusements, \$22 1/2 n.
Entertainments (old) \$14.25 s.
Constructions (old), \$6.60 b.
Constructions (new), \$1.75 b.
S. C. Enterprises \$10 s.
B. Ind. G. & Bonds, \$56 1/2 n.

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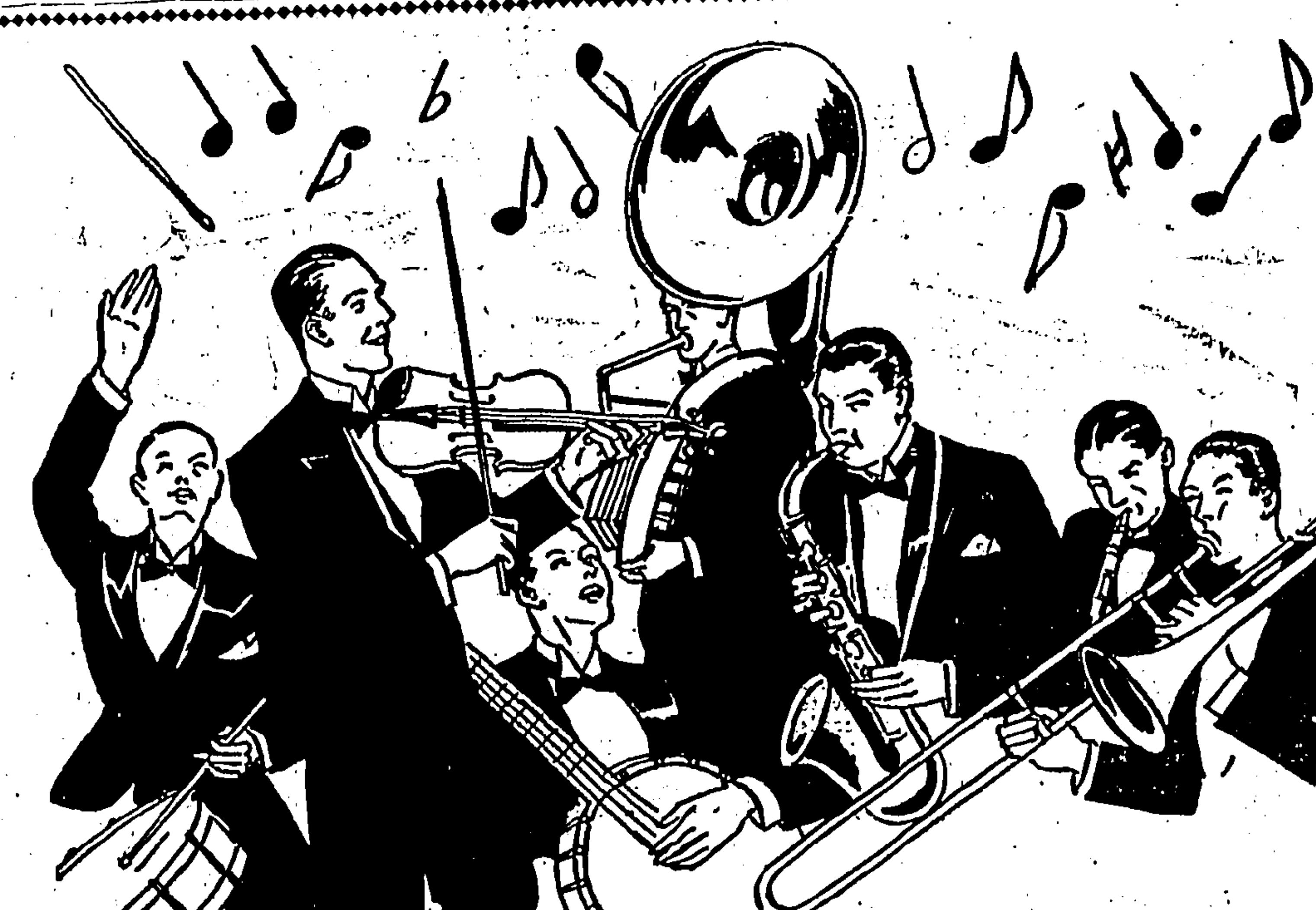
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VILLAGE ROAD
MURDER

(Continued from Page 3.)
When your father went to Peking what happened to you?—I stayed with Cheng.

Did your father know about that?—He did.

Explain what you mean by saying you stayed with Cheng?—Stayed just as ordinary friends.

In your house or where?—In his own house. He moved out and he rented a house.

How long did you live with him?

His Worship interposed and asked what interpretation Mr. Lindsell placed on the word "lived."

Mr. Lindsell replied that the witness would say that she lived with the accused in the literal sense and not the metaphorical.

His Worship pointed out that the accused had always used the word "stayed."

Mr. Lindsell: During those four or five months were you ever intimate with the accused?—No.
Did he ever ask you?—He did. I would not consent before marriage. I also knew the accused had some complaint.

Accused's Money.
During that four or five months were you all the time on good terms with him?—On good terms.

Never quarrelled?—Never.

And during these few months did you ever see Fung?—I did not see Fung.

Finally I think accused came back to Hongkong, leaving you in Shanghai?—Yes.

Any idea of the state of his finances when he left Shanghai?—His money was finished.

Did you know if he borrowed any?—Yes.

Much or little?—Much.

He borrowed heavily. Where did most of that money go?—I don't know.

Not on you?—No. I spent a little part.

Then later that year you yourself I think came down to Hongkong?—Yes.

Why did you come down?—I was sent for by telegram by the accused.

Where did you live?—In Nathan Road.

Who paid the rent?—Accused.

Did he sleep there?—He did not.

About how long did you stay there?—More than two weeks.

During that period there were you were intimate with the accused?—No.

Then I think you went back to Shanghai?—Yes.

In Shanghai when you got back did you see anything of Fung?—Not until I returned from Peking where I had gone.

How many times did you see him?—Only once.

Back in Hongkong.

I think you came back to Hongkong about New Year last year?—Yes.

Anyone come with you?—My mother and Miss Au.

Bessie Au, I think, was a school friend of yours?—Yes.

On what account? What about?—Because I was going out with Fung.

How did that quarrel end?—Finally accused said he would go to Canton.

Did you go out with Fung on Sunday, 21st?—Yes.

Where did you go?—To Repulse Bay ten dance.

—The same room but different beds.

Was there any intimacy during your stay?—No.

When was the first time you

saw Fung?—February 18 or 19.
Were he and accused still good friends?—Yes.

In the following weeks was the accused all the time in Hongkong or did he go away at all?—Sometimes he went to Canton and sometimes to Macao.

During his absence did you ever go out with Fung?—I did.

Alone ever?—I never went alone; sometimes with Bessie Au and sometimes with other friends.

Did you fall in love with Fung?—After a month.

That's to say a month after you came back from Shanghai?—Yes.

And he with you?—Yes.

How did he show it?—He told me personally.

He confessed his love for you and did you confess your love for him?—Yes.

To Go With Fung.

What did you propose to do about it, living as you were under Cheng's protection?—I proposed to tell Cheng this; I would go with Fung to Shanghai when Fung got a job.

Did you ever tell the accused that?—Not yet.

Did, in fact, Fung ever find a job last year?—He told me that he had a job, but I didn't think so.

You didn't believe him?—No.

Were you then still engaged to the accused, in name at any rate?—Yes.

Did the accused ever show any jealousy of Fung last year?—Yes.

Yes, and he also advised me not to go out with Fung.

Can you remember, roughly speaking, when he first showed signs of jealousy by warning you not to go out with Fung?—At the time when we moved to 50, Village Road.

When was that?—In September or October.

Before that had Bessie Au gone back to Shanghai?—Yes.

In the interval did you go with Fung alone?—I did.

Now last year did you remember any occasion on which the accused spoke again of marriage or the prospects of marriage?—Yes.

That was before the removal to Village Road. He said he would buy a house in Stubbs Road.

For what purpose?—Preparing for our marriage in May or June this year.

Did you know whether he ever did buy such a house?—Yes.

How did you know?—Accused took me there.

I think you had another schoolmate named Annie Au, sister of Bessie?—No.

Did she live or stay with you at the accused's expense?—Yes.

And after that you went out with Fung, but she accompanied you quite frequently?—Yes.

Did she know the state of affairs between you and Fung?—Yes.

Now how long did things go on like this?—Until February 22.

I want to know what led up to this rupture between you and the accused?—I had a quarrel with the accused.

Did you live or stay with the accused?—Yes.

Because I was going out with Fung.

How did that quarrel end?—Finally accused said he would go to Canton.

Did you go out with Fung on Sunday, 21st?—Yes.

Where did you go?—To Repulse Bay ten dance.

The hearing was adjourned at this stage until Friday, provided the Assistant Attorney General is not engaged at the Sessions.

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QUESTION AGAIN RAISED AT SANITARY BOARD

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At yesterday's meeting, the Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. Harold T. Creasy moved a motion that the application be refused. Mr. Creasy said:

"The select committee has unanimously recommended the refusal of this application after visiting the premises and after careful consideration."

"This building is used as a boarding house and does not provide the necessary open air space so essential for combating such diseases as meningitis and tuberculosis. The lack of light and ventilation will continue for much longer period unless the Board asks for the necessary improvements in this respect before it grants such facilities as are afforded by the introduction of modern sanitation."

The Board already calls for many conditions to be compiled before granting these installations, such as an independent water supply, storage tanks and fittings etc. It therefore follows that the request for the provision of the necessary amount of open space would be only reasonable as it prevents the prolongation of the life of this class of slum property.

"If it is claimed that the Board is imposing upon property owners by calling upon them to comply with the requirements in regard to open space before granting their requests for water closets, then it can also be claimed that the property owners have imposed upon their tenants by failure to provide a sufficiency of open space."

Should the voting of this Board be to the contrary I would submit that the policy be re-considered. The Select Committee has consistently treated every application on its merits and this, I understand was to have been the policy of the Board."

Mr. Creasy's motion was defeated.

An amendment by the chairman (Mr. G. R. Sayer) granting some concessions to the applicants was carried.



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The bill also amends article 16 of the constitution in order to enable amendments being made to the Constitution without necessary regard to the terms of the Treaty. Mr. Thomas commented that the text of the bill confirms the general view of his despatch to Mr. de Valera on April 19 that the bill constitutes a repudiation of the Anglo-Irish settlement.—Reuters.

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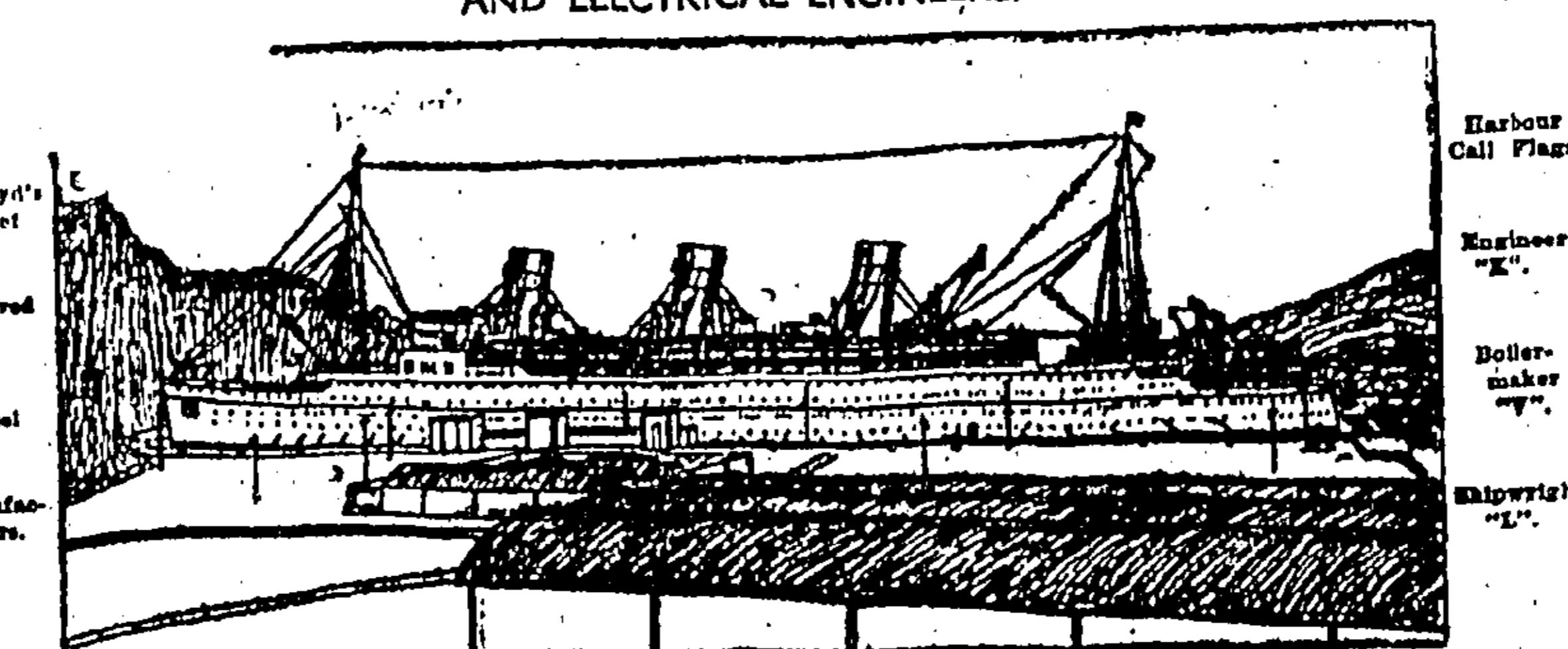
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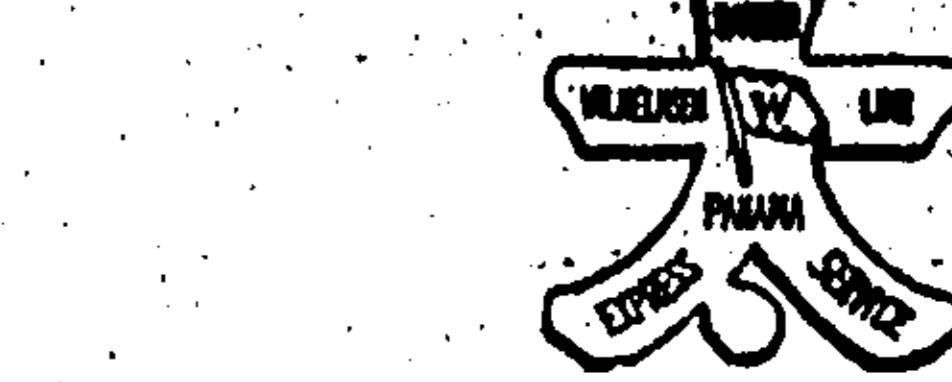
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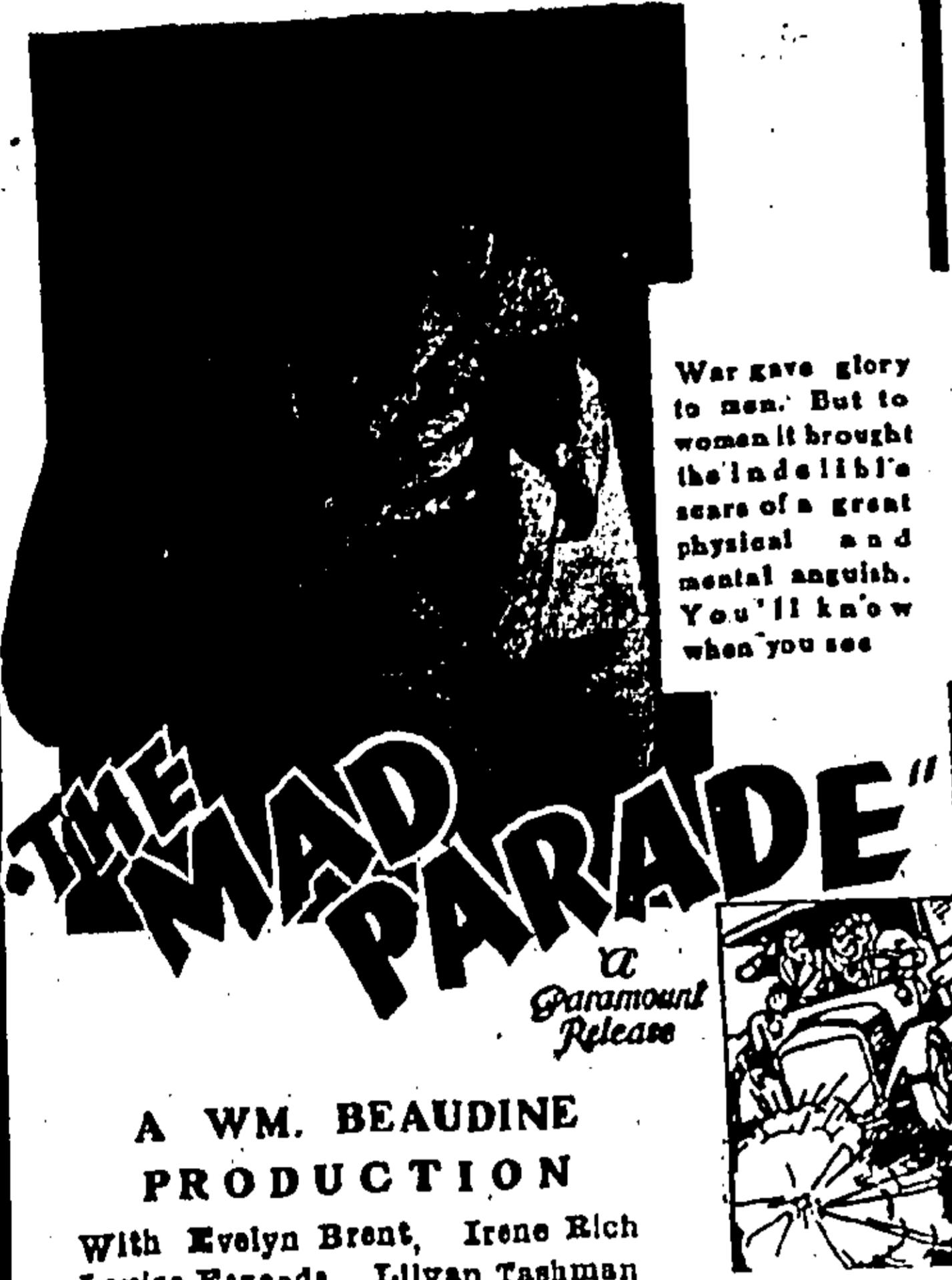
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in the forenoon of February 20, had placed the time of death as between 40 and 45 hours previously, but, in cross-examination, he had admitted that death might have occurred 24 or even 16 hours previously.

MATTER OF HOURS.

If Teang Ting-kai had died 24 hours previously, then prisoner could not possibly have had anything to do with the murder because he was then in custody. Counsel submitted that the period of between 16 and 24 hours was the right one.

After saying that the jury could not possibly be satisfied that death occurred 40 to 45 hours previously, in view of the evidence, and pointing out that the whole case for the Crown rested on the murder having been committed on February 18, counsel submitted that there was nothing left for them to do but acquit prisoner.

Mr. Fitzroy further submitted that the blood found on prisoner's left shoe came, in fact, from the wound in his own finger, arguing that had it been deceased's blood, his shoe would have been soaked in blood.

Counsel dealt at some length with prisoner's statement to the Magistrate which, he said, was claimed by the Crown to be a confession. He argued that in no part of the statement was there any indication that prisoner was aware that a murder was contemplated. At the most he found himself with a gang of ruffians and it was not until weapons were produced that he realised something wrong was contemplated.

TO STIFLE CRIES.

When deceased cried out, prisoner, on his own statement, put his handkerchief into Tsang's mouth to stifle his cries and prevent passers-by from coming on the scene. Tsang, however, bit his finger, and prisoner then sat down and nursed his injured finger. He took no further part and when the other men came to him later, he asked them, "Where is the man?" and they replied, "The man has been killed."

Counsel submitted that prisoner had no intention of killing the man and the fact that he asked the question, in his own statement, showed that he had no part in the killing. There was nothing in the whole statement, said Mr. Fitzroy, to show that prisoner was aware of any plot to commit murder and he could not, therefore, have shared such a common object.

Submitting that prisoner was entitled to acquittal, Mr. Fitzroy said that no evidence had been produced to establish a connexion between prisoner and a common object of murder, and that the Crown case was far-fetched and utterly unsupported by evidence,

**TEA HOUSE RAID
SEQUEL**

**SHANGHAI CHINESE
SENTENCED**

A search made by police officers in a tea-house in Tung Choi Street on the evening of April 18 had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when three Shanghai Chinese, Chau Ah-nei, Chung Ah-mo and Pau Ah-mo, were charged before Mr. Fraser with unlawful possession of weapons fit for unlawful purposes.

The first defendant was charged in respect of a dagger, a coil of wire and two wine-cups, the second in respect of a revolver and three rounds of ammunition, and the third in respect of a coil of wire and a winecup. These weapons were described as the usual instruments used in armed robberies.

Detective-Sergeant Fitches, giving evidence, testified that he and a party of police officers, including Detective-Sergeant Edwardes, went into a tea-house in Tung Choi Street at about 7.35 p.m. on April 18 and there found the three defendants taking tea together. They were searched and the weapons were found in their possession.

This evidence was corroborated by Sergeant Edwardes and another Chinese detective.

The first and third defendants did not say anything, but the second stated he was given the revolver by a friend in the tea-house, and was asked to keep it for a while. Shortly afterwards, the police arrived, and he realised he had been tricked.

All the defendants were found guilty, the first and second being sentenced to 12 months each, and the third to six months.

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as the Crown was asking the jury to imagine and deduct things which they could not do.

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You'll have to do better, I am afraid. When he was convicted the last time, you signed a bond to keep him out of mischief, and now he has done it again—I have to work and I cannot look after him all the time.

Why don't you send him to the country?—I have been doing that, but he finds his way back to Hongkong all by himself.

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Mr. Loseby contended that under the Ordinance there was a definite obligation on the part of the engineer to see that the pressure on the safety valve was not exceeded. After referring to a section in the regulations, Mr. Loseby argued that there was no active act by dead or order on the part of the accused, and therefore he had committed no offence.

Comdr. Hole said that since the facts had been put in that way, he quite agreed with Mr. Loseby. He therefore made an order that the previous conviction and sentence be set aside, and discharged the accused.

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